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Medals Handed Down By Great-Granddad



MARIO MONACHESI, 93, of 103 North Street, Feeding Hills, presents his World War I medals to his eldest great-grandchild, Jason Cabral, 10. Mario, who fought for the Italian Army before becoming a citizen here, was a barber in West Springfield for 60 years. Jason is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cabral of East Longmeadow. Jason is the eldest of 10 great-grandchildren. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Church Trading Post Has Quality Clothes



THE AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH TRADING POST at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, Agawam Center, has been operating for 34 years. It is staffed by at least 20 volunteers who work every Wednesday from 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. during the school year. Three of the consignment shop's volunteers include, from left - Bernice Nowill, Shirley Goss, and Leona Booska. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Kozloski Vice-Chair...

School Committee Ushers In New Era With Mayor

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

School administrators, staff, and Agawam citizens gathered in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria Tuesday night as Mayor Christopher Johnson called to order his first School Committee meeting as chairman.

Johnson will now preside at the seven-member board meetings, as a result of voter approval passing Agawam's only referendum question during the municipal election in November.

The 15 minutes dedicated to Citizen's Speak Time were waived due to a lack of requests for recognition from anyone present. Nominations from the floor were then solicited for the two remaining officers' positions on the Committee.

Teresa Kozloski was unanimously voted as the 1992 vice chairwoman and was the only nomination for this position. Johnson extended his congratulations to Mrs. Kozloski on her new appointment.

Linda Galarneau was also unanimously elected to the position of secretary as the sole nominee. Mrs. Kozloski and Mrs. Galarneau are beginning their second terms on the board.

Member Louis Massoia is outgoing chairman, and Roberta Doering is outgoing vice-chairwoman. Louise David and Susan Pettazzoni are beginning their first terms as newly elected members.

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Under the agenda's Routine Matters, the regular and executive session minutes of the December 17th meeting were approved by each of the seven members. Massoia then raised the question, "Now that the minutes of the executive session are approved, are they public information?"

Johnson replied, "It is my understanding that in an executive session requested by an individual for personnel matters, that the minutes remain confidential until that particular employee decides that they become public."

He continued, "Those minutes deal with the evaluation of (Associate Superintendent) Mr. Donald Charest, so unless or until he wants those minutes to become public, they will remain confidential.

SEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE - Page 2...

Soccer Association Sign-Ups Jan. 18th

The Agawam Soccer Association will be holding Spring Soccer Sign-Ups on Saturday, January 18th, at the Agawam Junior High School, from 10:00 a.m. until noontime.

Please see the ASA's display ad on Page 3.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE from Page 1..

"I would ask that the Committee members refrain from showing those to other individuals or any member of the press. Otherwise, you will be violating the Open Meeting law and violating the trust to be placed in ourselves by going into executive session."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Charest said he was taken by surprise with the Mayor's statement and didn't realize he had to make this decision. He added that he had "no problem" with the Committee's evaluation.

Under the agenda's Personnel Section, Thomas Cascio was unanimously approved as the new assistant wrestling coach, and the retirement of cafeteria worker Josephine Mezzetti after 21 years of service was accepted.

The board also approved a February field trip for the Agawam High School drama students (under the direction of faculty member Margo Poulin) to New York City.

Mrs. Poulin said approximately 60 students and six chaperones were scheduled for the trip.

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Mrs. Pettazzoni requested that the Committee send out thank-you's to recognize the Inaugural Celebration Committee members for organizing the successful event held to honor the installation of the Mayor, School Committee, and Town Council members on Friday, January 3rd.

Johnson acknowledged the request and then invited everyone to enjoy a social gathering following adjournment. He announced that refreshments were served courtesy of Frank Godek, director of the Agawam school lunch program.

Johnson has suggested the Committee organize a workshop next week to discuss the procedure elected to search for a new superintendent, and a time frame for upcoming negotiations with School Department unions.

The board must also replace Acting Principal John Ferrero (who will retire this year from the Junior High), and they must put together a viable fiscal budget for '92-'93.



TERESA KOZLOSKI was unanimously selected as vice-chairwoman of the Agawam School Committee Tuesday night.

Senator Melconian Slates Open Meeting On Insurance Jan. 22nd

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (1st Hampden District) issued the following press release this week:

"Massachusetts automobile insurance rates have historically been confusing, unfair and costly for Agawam consumers. On Wednesday, January 22nd, 1992, at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., I will be holding an open public forum for the citizens of Agawam.

"I want to invite you to attend this forum to share with me your criticisms, ideas and recommendations on how to make the Massachusetts auto insurance system work better for you, the customer.

"Ric Sardella, publisher of *The Agawam Advertiser News,* will be the moderator. I will present a brief overview of the system, the impact of the 1988 reforms, and a description of our current problems with proposed solutions."

She continued, "I believe, as I have stated time and time again, that the auto insurance system is rotten to the core, and like the Soviet Union, it cannot be improved for the consumer from within the existing structure.

"I have called for this forum because so many of you have contacted my office, asked questions about auto insurance, and discussed ideas for constructive changes. Major auto insurance reform affecting personal injury coverages will be enacted early in the 1992 legislative session.

"Before I begin these legislative committee deliberations, I want to hear from you. Come to the forum, speak out, tell me what's on your mind, so together we can fight and win the appropriate changes for Agawam consumers," concluded Melconian.

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Fee: $20.00 per child (maximum $50.00 per family)

AGE GROUPS

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Under 10 - August 1st, 1981 - July 31st, 1982
Under 11 - August 1st, 1980 - July 31st, 1981
Under 12 - August 1st, 1979 - July 31st, 1980
Under 13 - August 1st, 1978 - July 31st, 1979
Under 14 - August 1st, 1977 - July 31st, 1978
Under 16 - August 1st, 1975 - July 31st, 1977
Under 19 - August 1st, 1972 - July 31st, 1975

We would recommend that you consider the following information about the spring soccer program, before you register your child.

1) The league your child will participate in will be the inner-city league, known as the Pioneer Valley League. This will require traveling to other towns to play games. There will not be an in-town program in the spring.

2) The spring soccer league play will begin around the second week of April and end during the third week of June.

3) Your child will play an average of 2 games per week - one game during the week and one on either Saturday or Sunday. Also your child's team may hold 2 practices each week. Will your child's involvement in spring soccer conflict with any other spring sport?

4) Teams with more players signed up than the coach wants to have on his/her roster will have try-outs. If your child does not make the team, your fee will be refunded.

5) The fee includes socks only - you may be required to pay for the jersey and pants if you are new to the team and do not already have them.

We will not be having a second sign-up so please make plans to have someone sign-up your child if you can not make it. If for any reason this is not possible you may call any one of the persons listed below and sign-up through them no later than January 25th, 1992.

Dennis Marr — Vice President of Pioneer Valley — 786-3895
Bob Rousseau — Director of Pioneer Valley Boys — 786-2635
Mike Dobise — Director of Pioneer Valley Girls — 786-6235

Yours in soccer
A.S.A. Executive Board

Letters To The Editor

Register Tapes For Education Coming To End In Schools

To The Editor:

We are coming to the end of the "Register Tapes for Education" Program, which is run through the generosity of Waldbaum's Food Mart.

At this time I'd like to thank everyone who helped with this project: the parents, students, school personnel, and Agawam citizens who brought or sent in the tapes and/or labels, the people who gave their time to put the deposits together to send in, and a special thank you to the teacher coordinators, Ms. Watson and Mr. Sartwell.

We do have a little time left to deposit the register tapes and Campbell/Franco-American/Swanson labels and Pepperidge Farms proofs of purchase.

If you have any, they may be sent to: Agawam Junior High, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, Attention: Tammy Watson.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Gontczaruk
Band Parent Coordinator

Buying American Products Will Put Us Back To Work!

To The Editor:

When are we going to wake up? How many times do we have to be told?

Buy U.S.A. products and put our people back to work. No other country is going to help us. We have to do it ourselves.

I haven't done it in the past, but in the future, I will buy American products and nothing else. I am proud of our country and I hate to see it go down the drain.

We support other countries and get nothing in return. The word has to go out; buy American and nothing else.

It is about time we started looking out for ourselves. We have no choice. Either we take care of our own people, or we will be in this mess for many years to come.

The word has to get out, buy American and mean it.

Thank You,
Ken Peck
Feeding Hills

Agawam Democrats To Meet Tuesday, January 21st

The Agawam Democratic Commitee will meet Tuesday evening, January 21st, in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library. Chairman Doug Bodman will convene the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include but not be limited to: the upcoming elections for State Committee members, the caucus to elect delegates to the National Convention, the caucus to elect delegates to the State Convention, and proposed amendments to the State Charter.



WILLIAM J. BARBEAU, JR.

William J. Barbeau Seeks GOP State Seat

William J. Barbeau, Jr., of West Springfield, has announced that he is a candidate for the Republican State Committee from the First Hampden Senatorial District.

The First Hampden District includes the towns of Agawam, West Springfield, Longmeadow and four wards in Springfield. The state committee is comprised of one man and one woman from each of the 40 senatorial districts.

Barbeau is a founder and current chairman of the Western Mass. Republicans, a voluntary affiliation of both elected Republican ward and town committee members and other individuals who are Republican activists.

He has been a member of the West Springfield Republican Town Committee for 32 years, serving as chairman for a total of six years and treasurer for four years.

Barbeau has been a delegate to several Republican state conventions, including the 1990 convention where he voted to nominate State Representative Steve Pierce of Westfield as the party candidate for governor.

Active in West Springfield town government, Barbeau was appointed as a Republican member of the Board of Registrars of Voters from 1967 to 1976.

He was an elected Town Meeting member from 1954 to 1962, and again from 1977 to 1987. In recent years, he served as a member of the Town Government Study Committee.

Barbeau has resided in West Springfield since 1933 and is married to the former Sandra Lackstrom of East Longmeadow. He was employed by Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company for 38 years, retiring in February 1990 as a Group Insurance Underwriting Consultant.

He is currently treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the West Springfield Open Pantry.

State Committee members will be elected at the Massachusetts Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 10th, of this year.

Fire Dept. To Issue Open Burning Permits For Town Residents

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15th, 1992 through May 1st, 1992 for open burning in Agawam. CMR 310.707.

Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to. The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis.

Permits will only be issued weather permitting and only to those locations meeting these conditions.

1. Activities associated with the normal pursuit of agriculture which have been determined by the Department as necessary and which include but are not limited to, open burning of blueberry patches for pruning purposes, dead raspberry stalks, fruit tree prunings, and infected beehives for disease control.

2. Burning of brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris, excluding grass hay, leaves, and stumps from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations will be allowed.

3. Open burning of brush and trees resulting from agricultural land clearing operations.

4. No grass, hay, leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind is allowed.

5. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

6. Burning shall be at a location greater than seventy five (75) feet from any dwelling.

All permits will be issued from fire headquarters by telephone. The business number is 786-2662.

Do not use the "911" number to call for permits. Thank you.

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Monday, January 20th
W. Spfld.-Agawam La Leche League
Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield St.,
West Springfield
7:30 p.m.
Call 739-7923 or 734-5922 for more info.

Tuesday, January 21st
Agawam Junior Women's Club
Meeting & program with AFS students
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 21st
Agawam Chapter of Massachusetts
Citizens for Life
Agawam Police Station Community Room
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Town Clerk Reminds Citizens About Census

Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux wishes to remind citizens to respond promptly to the local census. The local census, primarily used to maintain voting lists, is being conducted by the town clerk's office during January.

Theroux emphasized that a prompt and accurate response will save the town money because it will limit the need for local officials to complete costly follow-up visits in person or by telephone.

A prompt response will help the municipalities complete this task efficiently and quickly as required by state law.

"On Election Day this year, many people were inconvenienced at the polls when they learned that their names had been dropped from the voting list. While voters may be reinstated at the polling place, the reinstatement process requires voters to spend extra time at the polling place, and this may create longer lines for everyone.

"A simple response to the local census this month can prevent these problems from occurring in the future," Theroux stated.

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The Registrars of Voters of every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are required by law to communicate by mail, phone or personal visit with every household to determine name, date of birth, nationality and occupation of every resident in that municipality.

These simple pieces of information will protect people's rights as residents and ensure that their name will remain on the voting list.

"Although the state census was abolished last November, the local census is still required by Massachusetts Law to determine the residents of individual cities or towns," Theroux stated.

"If residents fail to respond to their local census promptly, it will cost more money to pay for follow-up visits. No one can afford that cost," he continued.

The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists, but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens needs.

The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans' benefits, and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

"Answering your local census will save you and your local officials time and money. Massachusetts is counting on your immediate response," concluded Theroux.

Agawam Council Mtg. Agenda For Jan. 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Organizational Meeting of 1/2/92; Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 1/6/92
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
   None.
7. **Elections**
   (a)
   1. TE-92-5-Election of a trustee to the Whiting Street Fund to a term expiring December 31, 1992 (Tabled 1/6/92).
   2. TE-92-6-Election of a trustee to the Whiting Street Fund to a term expiring December 31, 1992 (Tabled 1/6/92).
8. **Public Hearings**
   None.
9. **Old Business**
   (1) Orders
   1. TO-92-1-Voucher List ($61.51).

Willis Calls For Financial Disclosures By Officials

Agawam Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis called today for financial disclosure by public officials in the Town of Agawam.

In a letter to Council members, Mayor Christopher Johnson, State Representative Michael Walsh, and State Senator Linda Melconian, Willis stated her intention to seek passage of a special act authorizing financial disclosure as prescribed in the provisions of Chapter 268 B of the General Laws. Chapter 268 B calls for the filing of statements of financial interest with the State Ethics Commission.

According to Willis, the filing of these statements, which would include income, real estate, business associations and debts, would provide a more complete profile of public officials and candidates for public office. Financial disclosure would be required of all elected officials and appointed officials, as so designated by the Mayor. Both Mayoral and Council approval are necessary for the special act to proceed to the state legislature. Support would also be sought from Rep. Walsh and Sen. Melconian. Under Chapter 268 B, state officials already file financial disclosure forms.

Citing the need to restore public confidence as evidenced by a similar call for financial disclosure in Springfield, Willis stated in her letter; "The people of Agawam expect the highest ethical standards of their public officials. With your support, I feel confident that Agawam will be at the forefront of restoring public trust at the local level of government."

Willis, who called for accountability of public officials during the 1991 campaign for the Town Council, noted that Agawam has experienced rapid growth in recent years. Despite the recession, growth will continue and too much is at stake not to take this step. Moreover, ordinary citizens are required to file some form of financial disclosure when seeking abatements or applying for public housing.

Said Willis, "Financial disclosure should not be viewed as an extra burden upon public officials. The call to public service brings with it important responsibilities - not only to fulfill the duties as outlined in the charter, but to bring the highest moral and ethical standards to the public arena."

Willis feels that financial disclosure should be considered as a positive step in insuring the public trust. It will also serve as a safeguard against inadvertent conflicts during crucial votes and will afford protection to officials against unfounded accusations and innuendo.

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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Violent Crime On Rise All Of United States

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

It would appear, at least to this cop, that violence and violent crime are fast becoming America's pastime. Locally, we are experiencing a dramatic increase in violence-related crime.

Assaults and assaults with dangerous weapons are an everyday occurrence, and restraining orders are being handed out at an all-time record pace. People are frustrated for any one of many reasons, and they are turning to violence as a way to demonstrate this frustration.

Society in general will have to accept at least partial responsibility for this behavior because it is we the people who not only condone violence, we promote it.

The truth in those words can be witnessed in the long lines at movie houses across the country waiting to see such films as *Death Wish* (parts 1, 2, 3, and 4), *Die Hard* (1 and 2), and *The Silence of the Lambs*.

It can also be seen in the skyrocketing profits being realized by the World Wrestling Federation. Certainly you remember them?

They are the well-conditioned athletes and out-of-shape fat men who try to convince young and old alike that a 300-pounder can fly off the top rope and land on the head of a much smaller man and do little more than bruise his ego.

The scary part of that scenario is that young and old alike believe it. It has become much more than entertainment; it has become an obsession, and audiences all over the world take solace in the mistaken belief that it is 100% as advertised.

This love of violence is not limited to the movie houses and the WWF—it can also be seen at any given sporting event. People are being whipped into a frenzy as they watch the violence of hockey, football, and every other sport erupt in front of them.

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The truth is that we surround ourselves with every imaginable form of violence and we love it. Manufactured violence, regardless of its origin, creates confusion and sends mixed messages to those who view it on a regular basis.

As reality fades and the crowd mentality slowly takes over, we become witness to tragic results...

The gang beating of a boy in Springfield to within an inch of his life; the shooting of a wife and mother in Suffield, Connecticut, by a husband and father who subsequently took his own life; attacks of every possible kind with weapons such as telephone cords, axes, baseball bats, and cars.

There is no one answer to the problem. Violence is a sad fact of life, and perhaps a trip back to "Walton's Mountain" would be a start. (More next week.)

Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter

On January 5th, **Edmund Mochak,** 301 Montgomery Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon.

On January 6th, **Daniel James Gillis,** 310 West Street, Pittsfield, was arrested and charged with an Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Walter Letellier and Karen Langevin.

On January 7th, **Michael W. Sears,** 100 Plantation Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Hadley Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Steve Draghetti.

On January 7th, a juvenile from Feeding Hills was arrested and charged with breaking & entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony and larceny from a building. Arresting officers were Detective Peter Bertera and Detective Thomas Marmo.

On January 9th, **Debra O'Meara,** 82 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with uttering a false script. Arresting officers were James Lewis, Detective Anthony Malone, and Detective Dan Ciak.

On January 10th, **James Small,** 420 Main Street, No. 11, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates, and driving without a license in possession. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and auxiliary officer Joe Halpy.

On January 10th, **Mark J. Barboza,** 138 Pearl Street, Enfield, CT, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Longmeadow Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and auxiliary officer Joe Halpy.

On January 11th, **Eugene P. Crystal,** Jordan Road, Montgomery, MA, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, and operating without a license. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and James Donovan.

On January 11th, **William E. Poirier,** 126 Union Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Edward Connor and Gerald O'Keefe.

On January 11th, **George F. Gould,** 671 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien and Mark Poggi.

On January 11th, **Daniel Kaufman,** 459 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Our office opens weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Our phone numbers are 786-7747 or 786-8137.

Olver's Town Meeting On Cable Channel 32

U.S. Representative John Olver's town meeting on health care issues held on Tuesday, January 14th, in Agawam was taped for cablecast on the local community programming channel, cable channel 32.

Repeats of the program are scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st, at 10:00 a.m and 7:00 p.m.

The town meeting in Agawam originally aired live on Continental Cablevision's Institutional Network in Agawam, allowing the individual community to cablecast live from public school auditoriums out over the cable access channel.

Continental Cablevision also taped the meeting to air on the local channel in other towns within Representative Olver's district.

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Agawam Obituaries

Barbara A. Brandon

Barbara A. (Sondrini) Brandon, 34, of 30 Clifton Drive, Agawam, a secretary for Rockbestos Co. in Windsor Locks, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. She worked previously for EBTEC of Agawam and Sprague Electric Co. in North Adams.

Born in Adams, she was graduated from Hoosac Valley High School there in 1975, and from Berkshire Community College. She lived in West Springfield before moving here in 1983. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves her husband, Robert J. Brandon; a son, Joshua R., at home; her parents, E. Edward and Nancy (Kogut) Sondrini of Adams; and two brothers, Robert and Leonard of West Springfield.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Phalis A. Plante

Phalis A. Plante, 87, formerly of 18 Randall Street, Agawam, a retired fitter at Smith & Wesson Corp. in Springfield, died in a local nursing home. He started working for the weapons manufacturer in 1928, and retired in 1974.

Born in West Springfield, he moved to Agawam 15 years ago. He leaves a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Irene Bilodeau, both of Springfield.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home and St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, all in West Springfield.

Victor L. Anderson

Victor L. Anderson, 65, of 89 Harvey Johnson Drive, a retired 25-year service manager for Stanley Handling Equipment Co. in Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He retired in 1986.

Born in Florida, New York, he lived here for 32 years. He was a member and deacon of Valley Community Church, and a member of the All-Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Past Masters Unit and Drum Corps of the Melha Temple Shrine.

He was also a member of the Kings Way Chapter, and was most recently the secretary and past master of the Samuel D. Sherwood Masonic Lodge in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen E. Blunck; a daughter, Susan Koelzer of Irving, Texas; two brothers, Everett of Fonda, New York, and Arthur of Fultonville, New York; three sisters, Dorothy Anthony of Hudson Falls, New York, Betty Young of Utica, New York, and Irene Becker of Johnstown, New York; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

Raymond A. Petty

Raymond A. Petty, 79, of Broad Brook, Connecticut, and formerly of 238 Maple Street, Agawam, the retired owner and operator of Ray's TV Sales and Repairs Store, died in a West Springfield nursing home. He retired in 1977.

Born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, he lived in Springfield and Agawam before moving to Broad Brook two months ago.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Agawam Senior Center, where he ran Saturday bingo games from 1983 to 1990.

He leaves his wife, the former Helene F. McCurdy; a son, Clinton of Enfield; a daughter, Marilyn Jordan of Hampden; a stepdaughter, Helen F. Laws of Broad Brook; a brother, William of Ohio; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Council on Aging, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

Eileen Butman

Eileen Butman, 66, of 19 Audubon Street, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She was a retired employee of Rex Chain Belt Co. and Columbia Manufacturing Co. in Westfield.

Born in Springfield, she moved to Feeding Hills in 1964.

She leaves a brother, Lucien Butman of Los Angeles, California; a sister, Jane E. Selvatico of Feeding Hills; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was private at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

James W. Whitney

James W. Whitney, 49, of 28 Riverside Avenue, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He owned and operated Whitney Nameplate Co. in West Springfield for 25 years until selling the business in 1987. He worked most recently at Agnol Sign Co. in Springfield as a sign maker.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, he lived most of his life in Westfield, and was a 1960 graduate of West Springfield High School. He was an Army veteran, and an accomplished wood carver.

He leaves a son, Jason of Long Beach, California; his mother, Evelyn C. (King) Whitney of Agawam; and a sister, Carla R. Whitney of West Springfield.

A memorial service was conducted at Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home, with burial at Paucatuck Cemetery in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, MA, 01773.

Ruby A. Hendricks

Ruby A. (Soden) Hendricks, 79, of Agawam died in a local nursing home. Born in Springfield, she lived here most of her life.

She leaves her husband, George R. Hendricks; a son, Charles R. Rogers of East Longmeadow; two brothers, Frederick E. of Agawam and Ralph E. of Huntington; two sisters, Muriel Thies of Agawam and Bernice Caramazza of West Suffield, Connecticut; and two grandsons.

The funeral will be Friday morning, January 17th, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Laurence J. Bancroft

Laurence J. Bancroft, 23, of 32 Deep Wood Drive, Westfield, the owner of Bancroft Stripping Co., died in Feeding Hills.

A lifelong resident of Westfield, he was a member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church.

He leaves his father, Laurence D. Bancroft of Westfield; five brothers, Joseph H. of Feeding Hills, Thomas M. of West Springfield, Robert of Springfield, Michael of Anchorage, Alaska, and William R. of Westfield; three sisters, Marie L. of Tangerine, Florida, and Gina and Judith Anne of Westfield.

The funeral is Friday morning, January 17th, at Firtion-Adams Funeral Home and Holy Trinity Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

Dominick Buonomo

Dominick "Dick" Buonomo, 82, of 65 Federal Avenue, Agawam, a retired 16-year attorney for Elmer S. Hyde Inc., a security bonds company in New York City, died at home.

He worked previously for Fidelity & Deposit Co. in New York City.

Born in the Bronx, New York City, he lived there and was graduated from Fordham University in 1932. He also was graduated from St. John's Law School in New York City in 1936.

He moved to Agawam four years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Helen Corgan; a son, Robert of Agawam, and a daughter, Eileen T. Buonomo of Mountainview, California.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Helen E. Orders

Helen E. (McBride) Orders, 83, of 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Hamilton, Ontario, she lived most of her life in Canada, and moved to this area in recent years. She was the widow of Harry A. Orders.

She leaves a son, John Orders of Los Angeles, California, and a daughter, Dorothy Orders of Wilbraham.

The funeral and burial were private and at the convenience of the family. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Viola R. Sweeney

Viola R. (Burns) Sweeney, 87, formerly of 62 Raymond Circle, Agawam, a retired 30-year employee in the accounting department at New England Telephone Co., died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1962.

Born in Ludlow, she lived for a time in Philadelphia, and for 22 years in Springfield. She moved to Agawam in 1957, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She was a member of the Agawam Senior Center and the New England Telephone Pioneers.

Her husband, John J. Sweeney, died in 1984.

She leaves two nieces, Marie Boutin of East Longmeadow and Barbara St. Jacques of Springfield, and a nephew, Frank Burns of Waterloo, New York.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield, and the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

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Families

Jr. Women's Club To Meet Jan. 21st

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its first meeting in 1992 on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will feature four AFS (American Field Service) exchange students who are currently attending Agawam High School. The students, from France, Italy, Belgium and Equador, will each speak about their home country and culture. In addition, the Agawam AFS Chapter's first-ever exchange teacher, Ana Atlenzia, from Argentina, who just began a six-month term at the high school, will also be a guest of the club.

The meeting will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam. Following the program, refreshments will be served and the business portion of the meeting will be conducted.

Anyone interested in learning more about these countries or the Junior Women's Club, is invited to attend the meeting.

The club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Club, welcomes new members interested in making friends while serving the community.

Area Sewing Guild At Agawam Library

The Springfield/Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Sewing Guild presents Sewing Video Day, February 1st, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

The afternoon will feature **Sew Again - a Refresher Course** by Nancy Zleman of the nationally syndicated show, *Sewing with Nancy*.

Sew Again teaches the latest quick and simple techniques for sewers that are a little rusty. The video covers techniques for perfect neckline and armhole facings, inserting lapped zippers, perfect buttonholes, sewing with knits, professional looking waistbands and gathering fabrics.

The public is welcome to attend at no charge. More information on the Guild's Video Day and the American Sewing Guild is available from Tansie Broska at 783-8868.

The American Sewing Guild is a nonprofit organization of home sewers. Its purpose is to provide information, education and programs to its members and the community. Membership in the Guild is open to all.

Great Card Parties At Senior Center

Come and enjoy the fun at the Agawam Senior Center on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

In January, we are playing Agawam Rummy; in February, we are playing Crazy Whist, and Pitch in March.

We are looking for new card games to learn and play. If you have a game you would like to share, see or call Janice (786-0400, ext. 242).

We still have our Cribbage game at the same time.

Agawam UNICO Inducts New Members



IN TOP PHOTO, Agawam UNICO President Louis Russo (center) and Membership Chairman Louis Scherpa induct *Advertiser News* staff photographer Jack Devine as a member of the club on January 8th at Santi's Restaurant in Springfield; IN PHOTO BELOW, Russo and Sergeant At-Arms Al D'Agostina induct Al DeMastrie (right) into the club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

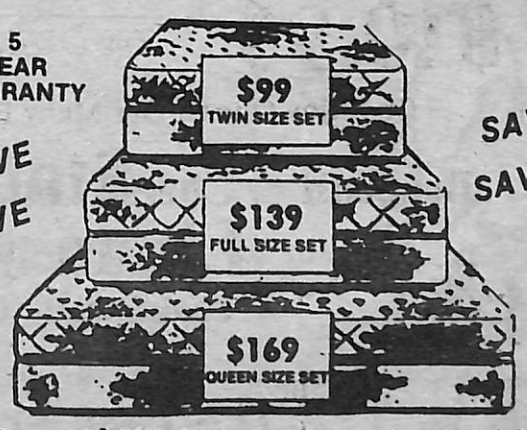


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Clergy Workshop Being Sponsored By Forastiere Family

The Forastiere Funeral Homes (Forastiere Funeral Home, Colonial Funeral Home, and Southwick Funeral Home), announced today that they are holding their third annual Clergy Workshop focusing on grief issues on January 21st.

Grief counselor and educator Lila Forastiere develops the workshops geared toward members of the clergy and pastoral caregivers. Forastiere points out that experts agree that our society as a whole does not understand the dynamics involved in the grief process. Society places unrealistic expectations upon the bereaved, and they in turn become impatient with themselves.

Since families are typically geographically scattered and because of our fast paced society, support from family and friends is often not adequate to give bereaved people the understanding and emotional support that they need. More and more, those who are grieving turn to professional caregivers and to their religious caregivers for guidance.

During the past ten years, grief related issues have been the focus of many psychologists, contributing data and knowledge about the grief process of our modern day society.

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes developed this annual workshop for clergy and pastoral caregivers so that they could share with this important support system current knowledge concerning the many different aspects of grieving to enhance their interaction with those who are grieving. The workshop also provides an opportunity for clergy of all denominations to network experiences and to share ideas in their support of the bereaved.

This year's workshop "Suicide...helping the families left behind," will offer a comprehensive look at the grief of suicide survivors.

Forastiere states, "Tragically, suicide numbers have been increasing for many years. It is very difficult for people to understand the mental anquish and implications inherent in the act of suicide or the ramifications it has upon those left behind. After a suicide, we can no longer help the one who has completed the act, but we need to help the survivors; they are the victims and they are at risk." Because suicide survivors often feel that no one understands, support groups especially for them have developed across the country. There are no such groups in the Springfield area; and thus, it is essential for professional caregivers to provide the safety net for these families.

During the workshop there will be time for an open forum to discuss the possibilities of working together to initiate a support group for suicide survivors.

The Clergy Workshop is part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes' "OPTIONS...for encouraging understanding," which are programs conducted by the Forastiere staff and offered to the community to build awareness and support for those who are grieving.

"Suicide...helping the families left behind" will be held on January 21st from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel in West Springfield. To register or for more information, call Forastiere Family Funeral Homes at 733-5311.

Fire-Wise - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Hot Water Can Burn You!!!

Tap water and bathtub injuries have been a major cause of burn injuries for many years. While scald burns can happen to anyone, young children and the elderly comprise most of the 2,600 injuries annually received by hot water from home faucets.

These burns can cause severe injury, scarring and disfigurement and even death. The Agawam Fire Department wants the public to know how to prevent such burns.

The major cause of scalds in homes is a water heater set too high (140°-150° F). Most adults will suffer a serious, third-degree burn if exposed to 150° F water for only TWO SECONDS. The sensitive skin of children burns much easier.

To test the hot water in your home, use a candy or meat thermometer at each faucet. If the water is over 120° F, turn down your hot water heater. Besides avoiding scalds, this will also save energy and money.

If you have an electric water heater, ask the electric company if it will lower the temperature for you. If you are in an apartment, ask the maintenance department to help. If you adjust it yourself, turn off the current by switching off the circuit breaker or removing the fuse.

Electric heaters have two controls which need to be set. Remove the upper and lower access panels, pull aside the insulation over the thermostats and use a screwdriver to turn the dials of the controls.

DO NOT TOUCH ANY OTHER AREA. Replace the insulation and panels. Turn on the current. Don't use hot water for two hours. Check the temperature the next morning.

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For furnaces using fuel oil, contact your supplier to lower the temperature. This will not affect the heating capacity of the furnace.

Even after lowering hot water temperatures, it would be wise to take these precautions:

- Check bathwater for children with your elbow. The elbow is more sensitive to temperature changes.
- Never leave a child alone in a bathtub or sink.
- Place small children in the tub facing away from the faucets and never encourage the bathtub as a play area.
- Teach children to turn on the cold water first when using faucets.
- Install temperature regulators in showers, tubs and faucets. Consult your plumber or hardware store for information.
- Know what to do for a scald burn. Cool the burn with water. Cover it with a clean cloth and seek medical attention. If the burn is serious, call the rescue squad at 911. Never put any ointments, greases, butter, or vaseline on burns. These can hold heat and make the burn worse.

Winter Family Programs At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA, has set its winter schedule for adult and family programs. All programs have limited space and require preregistration at least three days in advance.

For further information on programs or a copy of Laughing Brook's winter newsletter with complete listings, call 566-8034.

ADULT FIELD TRIPS

*** Quabbin In Winter: Eagles And Others—Monday, January 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

View Quabbin's winter eagles and take part in several short treks within Quabbin Park to search for signs of coyote, beaver, porcupine and deer. Fees are $12 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and $15 for non-members.

*** Exploring The Pratt Museum Collection—Saturday, February 8th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

The Pratt Museum at Amherst College has one of the best educational collections of fossils in New England. Dave Klingener, professor of Zoology at UMass, will guide participants among skeletons of dire wolves and dinosaurs. Fees are $7 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and $9 for non-members.

WEEKEND TRIP

*** A Winter Weekend On Nantucket—Friday, January 24th through Sunday, January 26th**

Enjoy the quiet beauty of Nantucket in the off-season. The weekend focus will be shorebirds and raptors, including the spectacular sunrise exodus of thousands of oldsquaw ducks from their roost on the sound. Transportation from Hyannis and accommodations at a comfortable bed and breakfast are included. Fees are $295 for Massachusetts Audubon members and $350 for non-members.

FAMILY PROGRAM

*** Unearthly Stories—Friday, January 31st, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

Join in an evening of stories about the night sky and learn some of the folklore and natural history of the stars. Designed for children ages six and older in the company of an adult. Fees are $8 per family for Massachusetts Audubon members, and $10 per family for non-members.

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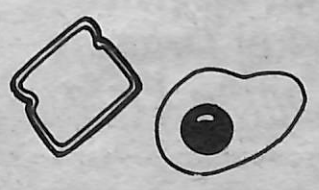


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MOCA Puts On Party For Kids At Senior Center



WELCOMING SANTA to the Senior Center during the MOCA-sponsored Christmas Party for underprivileged children included (from left) Sandra Smith (activities director for the Senior Center), Dolores Schneider, Kathy Newman, and Mary Leahy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS MEMBERS put on a party for underprivileged children on December 22nd. From left - MOCA members Jackie Guiel, Cindy L. Sanford, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Mary Leahy, and Desiree Jacobs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES at the MOCA-sponsored Christmas Party for underprivileged children at the Agawam Senior Center were, from left - Town Councilor Joanne Willis, Janice Barako, Town Councilor Louis Russo, Tom Leahy, and Nancy Mullaly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Andrews Society To Hold Winter Dance

Mrs. Robert Russell of Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, secretary of St. Andrew's Society of the Pioneer Valley and co-chairman of their winter dance, announces their Rabbie Burns Nicht.

This annual Scottish event is to be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Springfield on Saturday, February 1st. The evening will feature entertainment and dance music by "The Brigadoons" from Canada, the pipes and drums of the Melha Highlanders, and highland dancing by the Highland Lassies.

The evening starts with the Piping in of the Haggis, carried by Robert Lees, president of the Society, and the Address to the Haggis, which will be done by Jim McEwan from the Society.

The dinner dance is open to anyone interested in a good time. Tickets are $25 each and must be purchased in advance. At the time of purchase, you can determine if you would like prime rib or chicken.

For more information, please call 568-7306.

Ag. Tour Planners Plan Sweetheart Revue

The Agawam Tour Planners will offer the following trip to the general public—a perfect short day trip to the Delaney House to see the show "Sweetheart's Revue," on Tuesday, February 11th, at 11:00 a.m.

You will enjoy an "all you can eat" family style luncheon. There will be beef, poultry, and fish. The cost is $34 inclusive (bus, meal, show, taxes and gratuity).

For more information or reservations, call Nellie Mathias, 786-9093, or Helen Blanchard, 786-9859. Reservations can also be made at the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street, Agawam, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily.

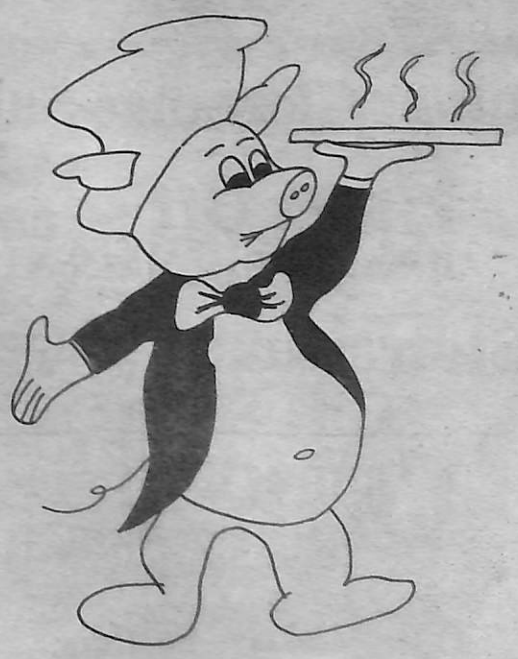
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Santa Mrs. Claus Pay Visit



SANTA & MRS. CLAUS, assisted by elf Bonnie Roselli, were warmly received by residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (South Building) as they delivered gifts to each resident on December 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Christmas Eve Play At Church



ON CHRISTMAS EVE, the children of the Agawam Congregational Church, Agawam Center, proudly presented their own version of the birth of Jesus during the Annual Christmas Pageant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Congregational Plans January Events

This Sunday, January 19th, the 10:30 a.m. Church School classes (K-6) at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, will have communion service downstairs in the Worship Room.

This means they are to report downstairs to their classroom at 10:30 a.m. rather than go into church with their parents. Participating in communion is an important part of your child's Christian education.

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The Wednesday night worship service at 7:00 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church will continue throughout the year. This half-hour informal service with communion preceeds the RELATE Bible Study.

The RELATE Bible Study Series continues every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Together we will R.E.L.A.T.E.—Relax, Examine our lives, Listen to God's story, Ask ourselves questions, Tell our stories, Entrust all to God.

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The Agawam Congregational Church's 456 Club will be visiting the Yankee Candle Factory on Saturday, January 18th. They will be leaving from the church at 12:00 noon and returning by 4:00 p.m.

For further information, call Jan Nooney, 786-1641, Suanne Hansen, 786-6660, or the church office, 786-7111.

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Victor Moreno Named By Disabled Group

On January 6th, the Members of the Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc., who have been meeting at the V.F.W. Post on South Street, presented Post Commander Victor Moreno with a plaque of appreciation.

The D.W.M. has been meeting for the past several years at the V.F.W. on the first Monday of each month, and for their summer outings, out at the pavilion.

Since there are not too many places for the handicapped to go to socialize, and get information on issues relating to them, the use of the hall has been a great asset.

Anyone interested in further information about the group my contact Janice Underhill at 739-6033.

Oldies Dance Slated At Polish Club

An "Oldies Dance" will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

Sponsored by the Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship of America (a youth cultural exchange program), the dance will feature music by D.J. Dancing Dave. Tickets are $6 in advance, and $7 at the door.

To reserve tickets in advance, call Ray Drewnowski, 786-5814; Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; or Bill Rose, 786-0195.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to help defer travel expenses for nine local youth who will be traveling to Europe this summer.

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VICTOR MORENO (center), president of the Agawam VFW, receives an award from Paula Theroux, president of the Disabled of Western Mass., Inc., and David Kady, vice-president.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1992 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. JOHN AMSTERDAM who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11, of the Zoning Ordinances to allow for the commercial use of a structure in a Residence A-2 district, at the premises identified as 146 SUFFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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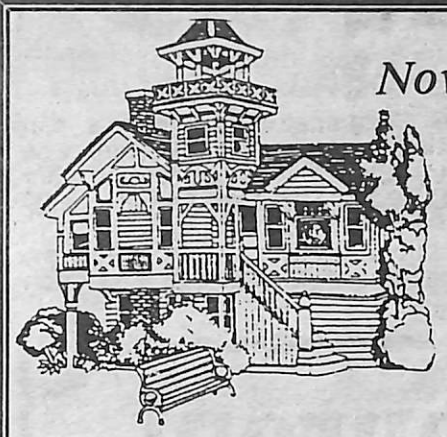
TOWN OF AGAWAM
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bidding forms and specifications for furnishing: Water Meters may be obtained at: the office of the Agawam Department of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam Massachusetts. Bids may be obtained from January 9th, 1992 until January 24th, 1992.

The Mayor of Agawam will ordinarily make an award or reject all bids received on this bid.

The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any bid in whole or in any part and to accept any bid or any item of any bid if deemed in the best interest of the Town.

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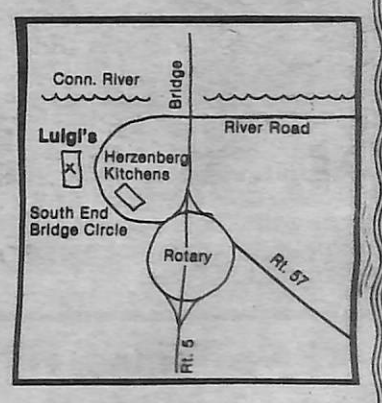
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Agawam Lions Donate $1,500 To Library

Thanks to a very generous donation of $1500 from the Agawam Lions Club, the Agawam Public Library will soon have a new selection of large print books and books on tape for the elderly/visually handicapped. For many years, the Lions Club has provided essential support for these services by making an annual donation.

Large print books printed in special 16 to 18 point large type are of tremendous value to the visually handicapped who cannot read standard type. People whose vision problems once forced them to give up reading altogether can now read for themselves with large print. In fact, ophthalmologists report that large print books can enable even some clasified as legally blind to enjoy reading again.

Similarly, books on tape are now available for those who cannot read print at all or cannot handle books due to a weakened state. Those who do extensive driving and other chores also appreciate books on tape since they can be listened to at the same time as doing other tasks.

Such donations from the Agawam Lions Club are all the more critical for the library to continue these vital services in these harsh economic times. Stop by the library soon to see an exciting new selection of large print books and books on tape.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., THURSDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 1992 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of JOHN A. & JACQUELYN J. GUIEL who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-8, Paragraph G to allow for the removal of fill (sand), at the premises identified as to the rear of 595 MILL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald Hebert, Chairman
Published: January 16, 1992

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AGAWAM CHIEF LIBRARIAN Donna Campbell accepts a check for $1,500 from Agawam Lions Club President John Negrucci. The money will buy large print books and tapes for the elderly/visually handicapped.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 20th: Holiday - Martin Luther King's birthday.

Tuesday, January 21st: Cheese ravioli, broccoli, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, January 22nd: Beef pastie (potatoes, beef, carrots, onions, celery) in pastry crust, tossed salad, vanilla pudding with whipped topping.

Thursday, January 23rd: Baked chicken leg, sweet potato, caulliflower, whole wheat bread, pineapple tidbits.

Friday, January 24th: French onion soup, tuna salad sandwich, potato salad, apple square.

Pattons Celebrate Birth Of First Child, Nichole

Randall and Barbara Patton of Chicopee are proud to anounce the birth of their first child, Nichole Shannon Patton.

She was born December 17th, 1991 at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield, weighing 8 pounds, one ounce.

Her maternal grandparents are Rena Shannon and the late William Shannon of Chicopee. Her paternal grandparents are Arthur and Carolyn Patton of Warren, Rhode Island.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Esther Patton of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, and Mrs. Mary Legend of Fall River, MA.

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Quality Clothes At Thrift Shop



THE THRIFT SHOP of the Agawam Baptist Church, through a pool of 20 volunteers, is open every Wednesday during the school year selling quality clothes (and household items) on consignment. IN TOP PHOTO, volunteers, from left - Pauline Woodruff, Evelyn Abell, Emma Cross, Elaine McAuley, and Ruby Burgess. IN PHOTO BELOW, volunteers Martha Theodorowicz and Mary Ferrari are hard at work preparing for another Wednesday opening of the Thrift Shop. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





NICOLE MARSH & ROMULUS PORTWOOD, JR.

Nicole Marsh To Wed Romulus Portwood, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole, to Romulus B. Portwood, Jr., of Berkeley, California. He is the son of Romulus, Sr., and Katherine Portwood of Berkeley, California.

Miss Marsh is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Clown College and toured with the Circus for four years.

Mr. Portwood is a 1982 graduate of Skyline High School, Oakland California. He is a 1987 graduate of the University of Oregon, where he received a B.S. degree in political science and journalism. He toured with Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus for two years, serving as media coordinator for Gunther Gebel-Williams.

A June 1992 wedding is planned.

Ag. Historical Asso. To Meet Jan. 28th

The Agawam Historical Association will start the 1992 meetings and programs on Tuesday, January 28th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Members are friends will share collectibles and hobbies. We welcome all newcomers and residents.

Romi DiPietro Back From Italian Trip

Romi DiPietro of 47 Bridge Street, Agawam, recently returned from a winter holiday in Italy. Her itinerary included Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Romi has resumed her graduate studies at American International College, where she is pursuing a master's degree.

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Who Is Jesus??? A Liar; A Lunatic; Or THE LORD?

by Roger Martin, Pastor
Agawam Church of the Bible

Who is Jesus?
a) a liar
b) a lunatic
c) the Lord God

Wait a second, Roger, you may say; that question is unfair. I'm not sure Jesus is God, but I do believe that he was a great teacher, or a prophet, or a moral example for mankind.

While these are some common ideas, the life and character and teaching of Jesus Christ will only allow for answers for a), b), or c) above. Let me explain.

One of the key teachings of Jesus was his unique claim to be God and his assertion that faith in this truth was essential to life and peace with God. Jesus said, "I and the Father are one," and "If you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins."

Now, this often-repeated claim to be God is either true or false. If the claim of Jesus is false, we must consider the question of why he would make such a claim, and we have two alternatives. He either knew the claim was false or he did not know it was false.

If Jesus knew his claim was false, then he was deliberately misleading peple; he was a liar. And this would be the most evil of lies, becuase he told others to trust him for their eternal destiny. So, one option is that Jesus was a very evil liar.

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Another option is that his claim to be God was false and he didn't know it. In other words, he was hopelessly deluded; he was a lunatic.

He wasn't God, but he thought he was and he was killed because he claimed to be God. The poor guy was a lunatic; option number two.

The final option is that his claim was true. He claimed to be God, because that is precisely who he is, Lord of all. If you have a hard time swallowing that Jesus was an evil liar or a lunatic, only one option remains. Every one of us must either accept or reject Jesus as our lord.

C.S. Lewis sums it up well: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the son of God; or else a madman or something worse."



"ELK OF THE YEAR" to be honored on January 25th at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks is Walter Miller.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet January 21st

The Agawam chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Police Station Community Room.

For more information, call Steve Fields at 789-4439.



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB has donated $500 to the Captain Charles Leonard House for its continued upkeep. From left - James Loomis, Lions member and Leonard House trustee; John Negrucci, Lions Club president; Dale Melanson, treasurer, Leonard House trustees; Richard Brindle, president, Leonard House trustees. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Captain Charles Leonard House Receives $500 From Agawam Lions Club

The Agawam Lions Club presented a check for $500 to assist in the support of, and the continued upkeep of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The Leonard House was the original meeting place of the Lions as well as being in the national registar of historic homes. Agawam has much to be proud of with The House located in the town and on it's main street.

Representing the Captain Charles Leonard House is Richard Brindle, the president of the board of trustees and Dale Melanson, the treasurer.

The check was presented by John Negrucci, the president of the Lions Club and member James H. Loomis, Jr., who is also a member of the Leonard House board of trustees.

The continuing maintenance and improvement to the grounds and the house are supported by the Friends of Leonard House and the rentals of the halls and apartments that make up the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Any group or person interested in helping with this continuing project should contact The House or one of the trustees for information.

Elks Lodge 2174 To Honor Walter Miller

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks No. 2174 will hold a banquet January 25th, 1992 on Morgan Road, West Springfield, for Walter Miller, who was designated 1992 "Elk of the Year" for his contribution to the spirit of Elkdom over the years.

In his 26 years as a member of Lodge 2174, he has served on various committees and as chairman on many of them, a few being House Committee, Pavilion Committee, Italian Dinners Committee, and he formed Boy Scout Troop No. 70, being their first Scoutmaster.

His wife of 35 years, Kathleen McLellen, has always supported his work in Elkdom.

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Walter Miller was born in Springfield but was raised in Nebraska, Colorado and Iowa. Walter returned to West Springfield 42 years ago and has been here since.

He served in the Army from 1949-1951. He retired from Longview Fibre after 39 years, where he served on the Board of Directors and President of the General Fibre Box Credit Union.

He was Notary Public for 21 years. He also served as General Fibre's Shop Steward and Chairman of the Grievance Committee. Walter is also a Hampden County Deputy Sheriff and has been for 12 years.

He is a member of the Dante Club, A.A.R.P., Scleroderma Research Committee of Western Mass, and West Springfield Friend of Library.

Tickets for this great night may be obtained by calling Don Smith or Bob Therrien at 736-0207, or may be purchased at the Elks.

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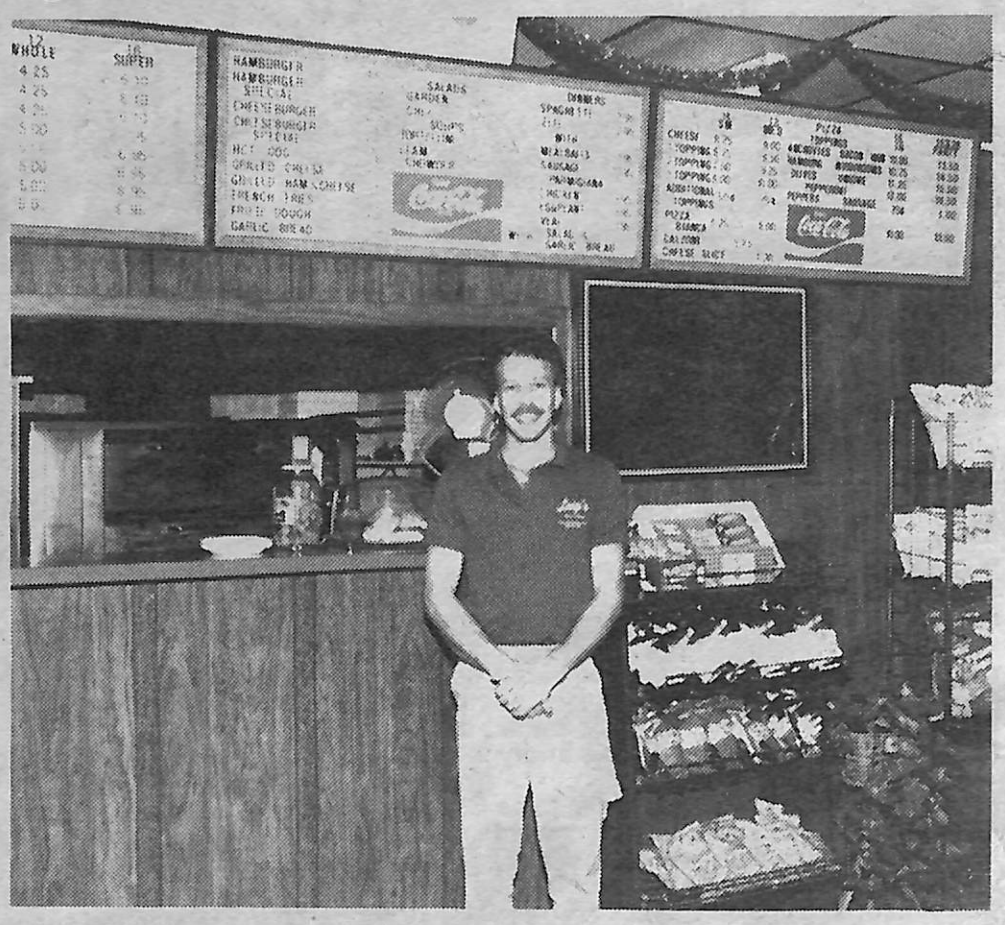
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Spotlight On Business

Jim Planzo Working Hard At Luigi's





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WHYN Radio 56 Sportscaster At Mitch's Showplace



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT After Christmas prices at Mitch's Home & Garden Showplace on Suffield Street (on December 26th) are Melonie Boyer, Karen Kordas, and Sandra Kordas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MITCH'S HOME & GARDEN SHOWPLACE began its Annual After Christmas Sale on December 26th and welcomed the incomparable Fred King, the popular WHYN Radio 56 morning sports announcer and sports soothsayer, for a live remote. Known to his large audience as "The Fred," King is greeted by Steve Micelotta, owner and operator of Mitch's Showplace. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Maintenance Awards Handed-Out By Riverside



RIVERSIDE PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE Don Donahue (right) receives congratulations from T.C. Freeman, director of Maintenance & Loss Prevention for having his motto chosen as the official Riverside Park Maintenance Motto, "We Ride On Safety." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FOR HIS OUTSTANDING maintenance of Riverside Park's famous Carousel, Mike Bryden (right) was named "Maintenance Person of the Month" for November by Riverside Park Maintenance Director T.C. Freeman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women's Club Supports Economic Act

The Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, supports the Economic Equity Act of 1991.

New opportunities for women in the workforce need to be established, with the breakdown of barriers and development of job skills. Furthermore, women business owners have been sorely neglected and need assistance.

The Economic Equity Act of 1991 addresses these concerns under the four titles of employment opportunities, women in business, economic justice, and retirement equity. This broad agenda will improve the economic situation of women of all ages and skills level.

Join the Junior Women's Club in support of this bill by writing Representative John Olver. Passage is needed to address women's concerns about their economic security now and in the future.

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Agawam Energy Firm Acquires New Line

Energy Beam Sciences, Inc., of Agawam has acquired a product line of equipment used in pathology laboratories from VG Microtech of Uckfield, England. The heart of the new product range is the JB-4 precision plastic microtomy system.

Plastic embedding and cutting techniques produce the thinnest possible sections of plant or animal tissue for examination by light microscopy. These thinner sections provide more detailed and clear information to the research scientist or technician.

The JB-4 system consists of a manual or automatic rotary microtome, two types of glass knife makers, a plastic embedding kit and a range of specialized plastic embedding accessories. Additionally, a Microwave Rapid Processor will be introduced which dramatically reduces fixation and staining times, and improves reproducibility through precise temperature control.

Finally, Energy Beam Sciences will also manufacture a vibration blade microtome, used for specimen embedding or freezing.

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Energy Beam Sciences has been a leader in the production of electron beam filaments for over 20 years, and distributes more than 1,000 electron microscopy supplies through its catalog. The histology instruments will be manufactured in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park near the company's existing facility.

The company expects to increase its employment levels as manufacturing operations expand. For further information, FAX or write: Energy Beam Services, 11 Bowles Road, P.O. Box 468, Agawam, MA 01001, 789-2786.

Paul R. Ginsberg Joins NWS Communications

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Top Agents Named By George & Green



KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, was pleased to present top awards for the Month of November to agents Chet Kasperek as "Top Listing Agent" and Cynthia Krolicki as "Top Selling Agent." George & Green has four locations with its corporate offices in Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Slim System used the concept of weekly group support meetings. Each weekly meeting is directed by a Slim Advisor, who has successfully lost weight. This combination insures success for their participants.

The Slim System Team is made up of people with a mission. They are looking to guide their members through personalized service and understanding, giving their best to help each and every person benefit from being a member of the Slim System.

This new business is found throughout Western Massachusetts and Connecticut, including Feeding Hills (P.O. Box 302). They currently have 33 weekly meetings, with more opening in the immediate future.

For more information, call 786-7311.

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La Leche League Plans Jan. 20th Meeting

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the West Springfield-Agawam La Leche League. The next meeting is Monday, January 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Westfield Street, West Springfield. Nursing babies are welcome.

The League offers mother-to-mother help at its monthly meetings based on the book *The Woman Art of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience.

Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, breastfeeding, and nutrition. For further information, call Jeanne, 739-7923, or Teresa, 734-5922.

Parent Burnout To Be Aired By Dr. Sobel

On Wednesday evening, January 22nd, Dr. Steve Sobel, noted educator and speaker, will present the workshop, "How To Deal With Parent Burnout."

The session is for anyone interested in learning the practical techniques to deal effectively with demanding children as well as stress management strategies for themselves.

The session is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and will take place at Dr. Sobel's offices, located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield. Call 785-1259 to pre-register. Fee is $15 per person.

Dr. Sobel is the founder and director of The New England Institute for Stress Management.

Head Injury Patients Can Receive Support From Monthly Meetings At Mercy Hospital

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health sponsors a monthly support group for head injury patients, their families and friends. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This monthly meeting will include an open discussion for members to share interests and concerns. Refreshments will be served.

All individuals who have had a head injury, their families and friends are invited to attend. The group is offered as a community service and is free of charge.

The meeting will take place in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

For more information, contact Nancy Costa at 737-8153, extension 6454.

Unemployed Can Get Emotional Support From Program At Mercy Hospital

Frustration. Disappointment. Despair. These are all feelings than can accompany a person who finds him/herself unemployed.

To assist those in need of support, the Women's Pavilion at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health offers a "Job Seekers Support Group," designed to help the unemployed alleviate some of their fears and to deal with their anxieties.

The group is led by Ludlow resident Sabina Garrison, and is targeted for professional persons currently unemployed and looking for support.

"With few signs of the economy easing up, job prospects look bleak for many, and this group will hopefully assist people in psyching themselves up," said Garrison.

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Best Flicks Of 1991 Reviewed

by Christine Plesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Looking back from the vantage (disadvantage) point of having viewed 219 films in 1992, I find it hard to believe that the truly exceptional films were less than needed for a top ten list.

Which is not to say there were less than ten good films all year; there were many "good" films, "entertaining" films, "nice little" films...

But to make a top ten in my book, films must provide excellence in production values, talent involved, script, and even a memorable message or emotional impact.

There's a large gap between good and great-films, and for what it is worth, here's a bit of what I valued from the 1991 viewing year, in random order...

Beauty and the Beast, as no one but the Disney Studios could produce. It's been 22 years since a G-rated film took an Oscar for Best picture and this just might be the year. Stellar animation, charismatic characters, a charming Beauty and a horrifyingly endearing Beast, a delightfully villainous rogue, wonderful music, and spectacular animation make this the best thing to spin off the reels in years. Too bad it will take a decade to grab it on videocasette.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, and for adults only, is *The Silence of the Lambs,* to which no youngster should be admitted. Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster bring stellar performances to a tale of murder, mayhem, and cannibalism with a horrific twist to the ending. Strong performances from Hopkins, who terrifies with just a glance, and from Foster as the fledgling FBI agent tracking down a cannibalistic serial killer. Not for the faint of heart.

In May, moviemakers gave us the gift of *Thelma and Louise,* praised or panned depending on personality and feminist bent. A romp through the midwest with two oddly mismatched and misunderstood friends on a rampage against men, marriage and a few morals, it is nonetheless an engaging film and one guaranteed to provoke discussions and a healthy argument or two.

Boyz in the Hood was perhaps the most misrepresented film of the year; its message lost in negative publicity of violence, disturbances and shootings (one of which occurred as a drive-by at Showcase in West Springfield - no injuries). Despite the violence and language of the film, the message was positive, an affirmation of survival, of beating the odds and the value of self-esteem. There are Oscar performances here.

The Prince of Tides, released at Christmas, was a picturesque Barbra Striesand offering (as director and star) with a best actor possibility for Nick Nolte as the southern teacher who becomes the memory of his suicidal twin sister.

Where were you on that tragic November day, circa 1963? From my eighth grade classroom in parochial school I learned of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, and relived those days in the holiday release of *JFK.* The questions raised, the issues probed are no less troubling now than then, and this Kevin Costner film in its three hours offers a glimpse of history to the generation of, and the generation after. Whether you agree with its assertions or not, the three hours is time well spent, with room for ample debate.

For anyone who has lost a friend in childhood, or a child of their own, *My Girl* touches the heart. A story of adolescent friendship, love and loss, the film opens the door for discussion with children of some deep and difficult issues, and adds as a bonus some insights into growing up, 1970's style. We're we that naive? And did we really wear those clothes?

Add to this list the European offering *The Commitments.* With its rock and blues soundtrack, outrageous humor and subtle wit, the result is toe-tapping music and singable lyrics from hits including "The Midnight Hour." You'll know the movie's caught you if you leave the theater humming "ride, Sally, ride..." It's the story of Irish performers trying to bring rocking blues to their native Ireland...and it's wonderful.

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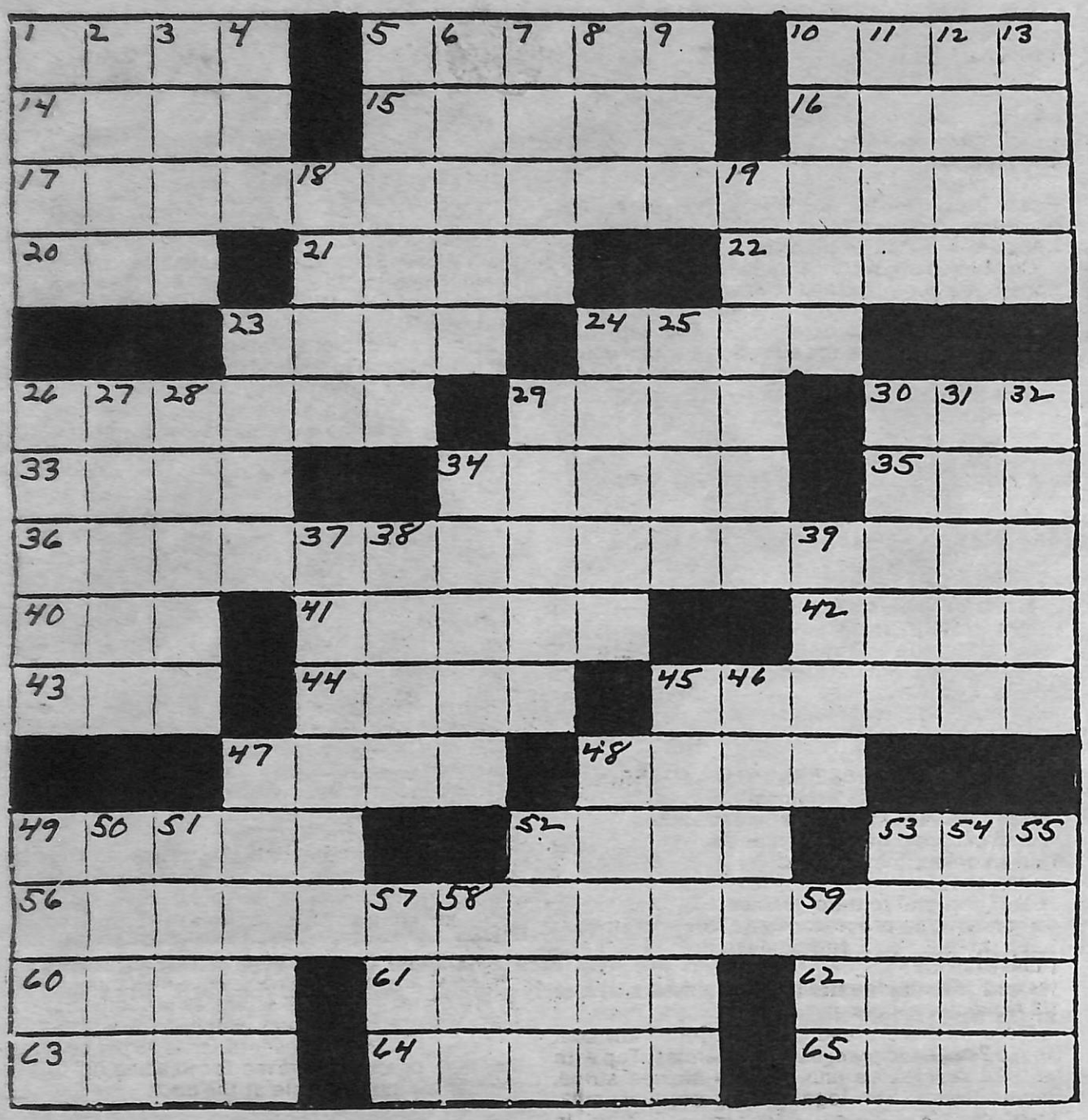
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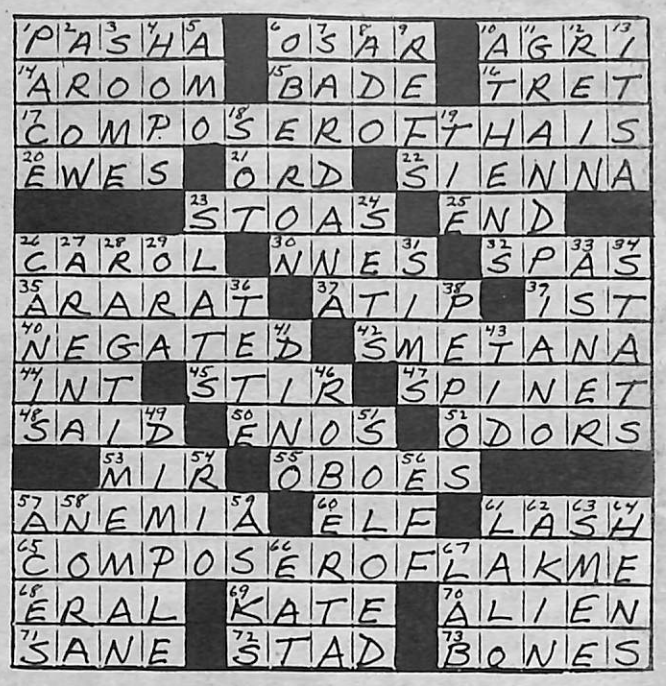
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Last Week's Solution...



Victory Players To Hold Auditions For *Steel Magnolias*

The Victory Players will hold auditions for its production of *Steel Magnolias* on February 3rd and 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Holyoke Community College, Room 137 in Building C.

Callbacks will be on February 5th at the same time and location.

The casting call is for four women in their 40s, 50s, and 60's, and two women ages 19 and 25. Anyone interested in technical positions is also welcome at the auditions.

For more information, call 534-7846.

AT THE MOVIES - from Page 21...

For honorable mention, we get *Barton Fink*, a stylish if bizarre film about a 1940's writer in Holywood's heyday, and the unusual love/hate relationship formed with a fellow boarder who may or may not be a serial killer. Great cinematography, stylish design and solid performances leave this one a contender for an Oscar nod or two, though perhaps not for the main statue itself.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

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grandma's old kitchen



Satay, the native chicken kabob of Southeast Asia, takes on a healthier appeal in "Lite Chicken Satay." The traditional chili and garlic spiced peanut sauce has been replaced by an equally zesty marinade featuring Kikkoman Lite Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce.

A blend of spices, sugar, wine and naturally brewed soy sauce, lite teriyaki sauce has 50% less salt. Its slightly spicier, sweeter and more full-bodied taste makes it an ideal base for this richly seasoned marinade.

We've also used minced peanuts rather than peanut butter for a fresher flavor. Served over curried rice with lime and julienned zucchini, this easily prepared entree is a lively change of pace that's also lower in sodium.

LITE CHICKEN SATAY

¼ cup Kikkoman Lite Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce
2 tablespoons minced unsalted roasted peanuts
2 tablespoons minced green onion & tops
1 tablespoon lime juice
2 cloves garlic, pressed
1/8 to ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
8 metal or bamboo skewers *

Combine lite teriyaki marinade & sauce, peanuts, green onions, lime juice, garlic and pepper in small bowl. Cut chicken into 2-inch square pieces; stir into teriyaki sauce mixture. Let stand 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Thread chicken pieces onto skewers, leaving space between pieces. Place skewers on rack of broiler pan; broil 4 minutes on each side, or until chicken is tender. Makes 4 servings.

* Soak bamboo skewers in water 1 hour to prevent burning.

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Health professionals concur that breakfast provides needed energy throughout the day. Start every morning with a healthy breakfast during January, National Prune Breakfast Month.

Sweet, chewy prunes add flavor and good nutrition—fiber, vitamin A, iron and potassium—to a variety of breakfast dishes. Mix chopped, pitted prunes into oatmeal, yogurt or muffin batter.

Or, try this quick-to-assemble Muesli—a delicious combination of old-fashioned oats, apples, prunes and cinnamon. It can be made in advance and kept on hand for nutritious, last-minute breakfasts.

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SWISS MUESLI

1½ cups rolled oats
1½ cups water
2 cups shredded unpeeled apples
1½ cups (about 9 ounces) pitted prunes, whole or halved
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons lemon juice
½ teaspoon cinnamon
Fresh fruits (sliced banana, apple, pineapple; orange segments)
Chopped almonds or pecans

Combine oats, water, shredded apples, prunes, honey, lemon juice and cinnamon. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, spoon some of the muesli into a cereal bowl. Top with your choice of fresh fruits and nuts. Serve with a dollop of plain low-fat yogurt, or milk, if desired. Muesli can be stored in covered container in refrigerator for several days.

Makes 6 servings (about 4 cups).

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Nutritionists say it is a wise decision to look for ways to reduce the fact content of our diets. With so many low-fat or fat-free ingredients being introduced in every section of the supermarket, the opportunity to create tasty lower-fat menus has never been brighter.

Whirlpool Corporation home economists have devised a brunch recipe using several of these new products. Vegetable-Cheese Brunch Casserole is colorful, delicious, healthful and easy to prepare using the convenience of microwave cooking. It makes a simple weekend brunch dish for family members to appreciate or guests to rave about.

VEGETABLE-CHEESE BRUNCH CASSEROLE
(4 servings)

4 slices fat-free, light wheat bread, cubed
¼ cup chopped fresh mushrooms
1 green onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup chopped green pepper
¼ cup chopped tomato, drained
4 slices fat-free process cheese, cut into strips
1 cup fat-free liquid egg product
1 cup skim milk
1/8 teaspoon dry mustard
1/8 teaspoon pepper

Place half the bread cubes in four individual (1½ to 2-cup) microwaveable casseroles. Top with half the vegetables and half the cheese strips. Repeat layers. Stir together egg product, milk, mustard and pepper. Pour over mixture in casseroles, about ½ cup each. Place casseroles in microwave oven, arranging in ring. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 2 minutes. Rotate casseroles. Microwave at MEDIUM (50%) for 16 minutes longer or until set, rotating casseroles after 4, 8 and 12 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Nutrition Information (per serving)	
Calories	103
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Sodium	282mg

19th Century Lectures Being Planned At Storrowton Village

Meet and greet historic characters of the 19th century in the unique lecture series presented by Storrowton Village Museum in West Springfield. Historic portrayals of characters and lifestyles will take place January 24th, February 7th, and February 21st in the Meeting House on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition.

Carolyn Schold, an award-winning member of the National State Parks system at the Lowell National Historic Site, will give the first performance, "Lowell Mill Girl," on Friday, January 24th, at 8:00 p.m.

Schold will depict a Maine farm girl who leaves her family home to seek adventure and new opportunities in the nation's first planned industrial city of Lowell. You can follow this "liberated" young mill worker as she experiences mill work, courtship and marriage.

For all those women who are or have been Girl Scouts, the second program, "A Visit with Juliette Low," on Friday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. will capture your interest.

Founder of Girl Scouting in America, Low will be portrayed by actress/historian Lois Harris. Low was a close friend of Helen O. Sorrow, founder of Storrowton Village Museum. Harris developed the program in conjunction with the Massachusetts Girl Scout Museum in Waltham, MA.

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On Friday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m., the third program, titled "Dressing Out," will be presented by Ellen Conrad and David Cloutier of Old Sturbridge Village.

This dynamic 19th century duo will give the audience an intimate view of the clothing from the Early American era, from bonnets and great coats to stockings and stays. If you've ever wondered what else folks wore between those "layers," this lighthearted program is for you.

Unlike traditional historic presentations, the audience will be encouraged to ask questions and interact with each performer. Engage the interpreter with your questions about their daily lives, as well as political and social issues of the times; just don't ask them if they watched T.V. last night!

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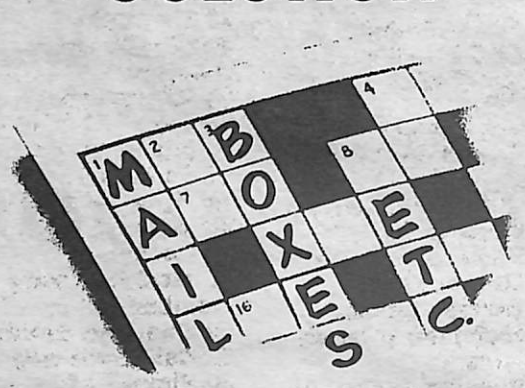
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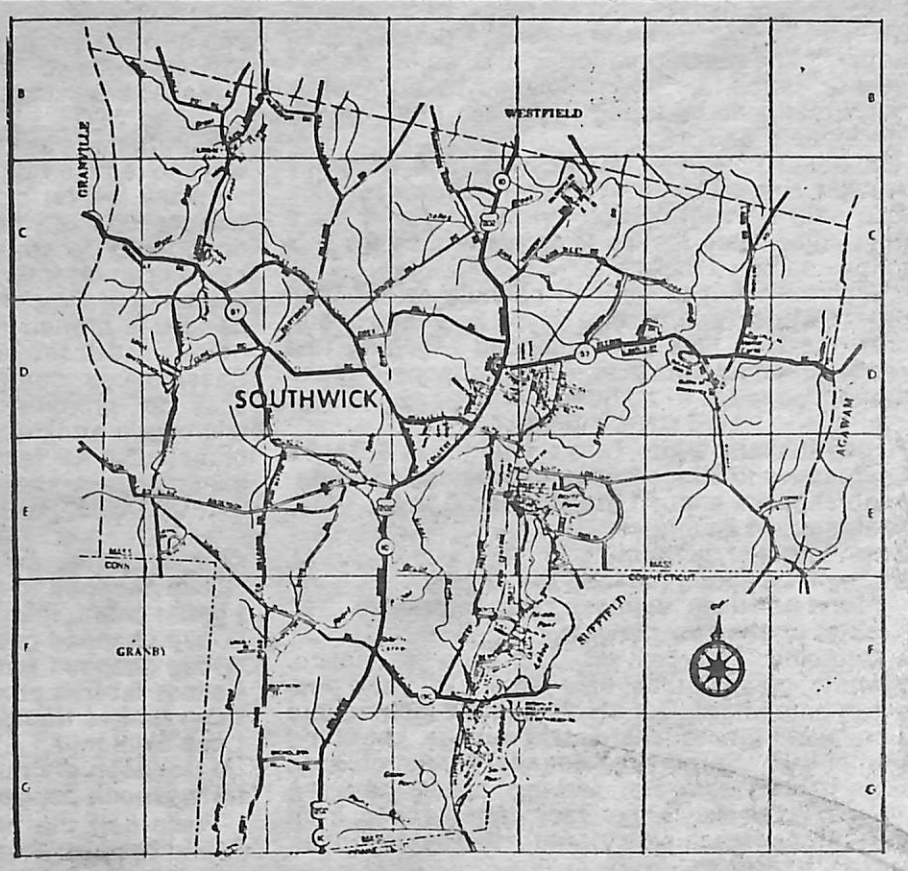
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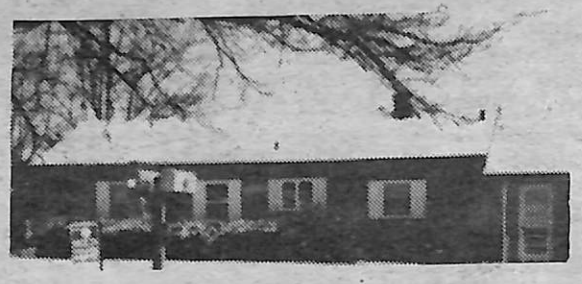
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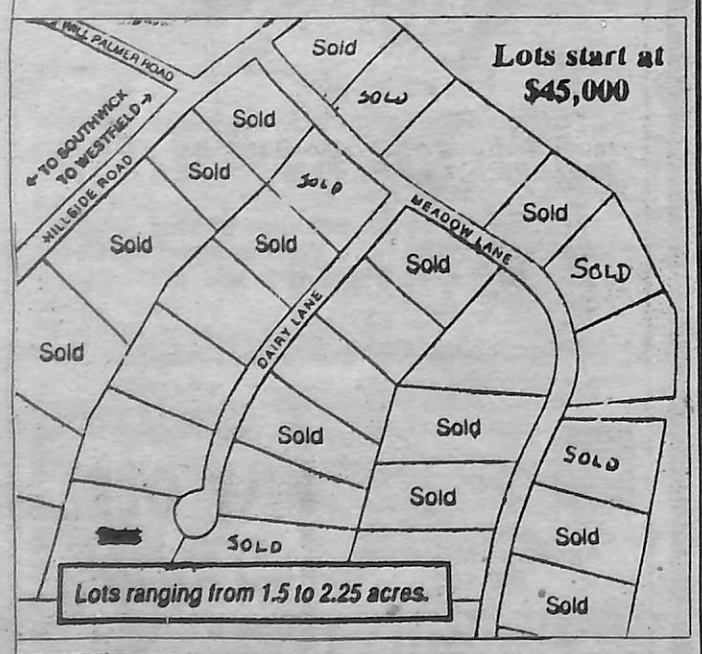
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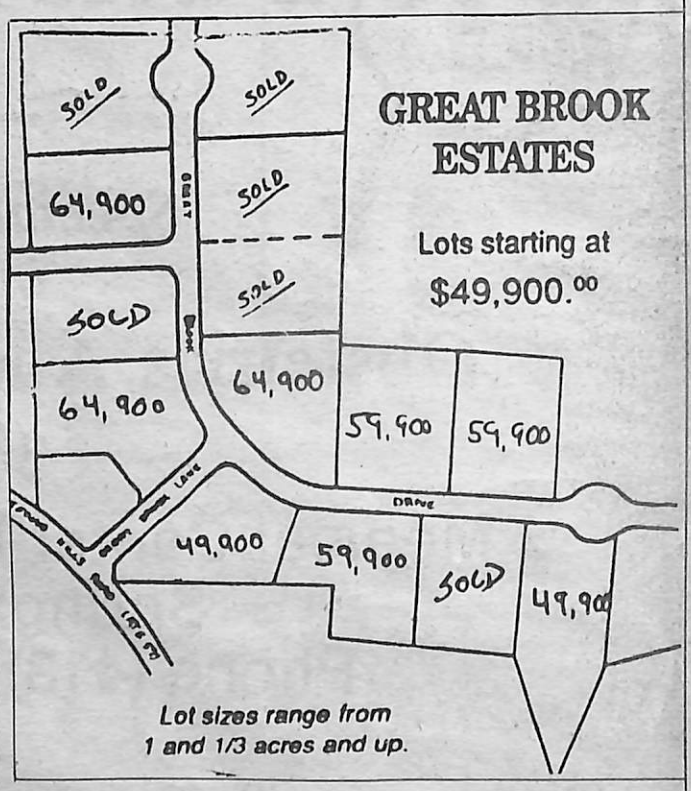


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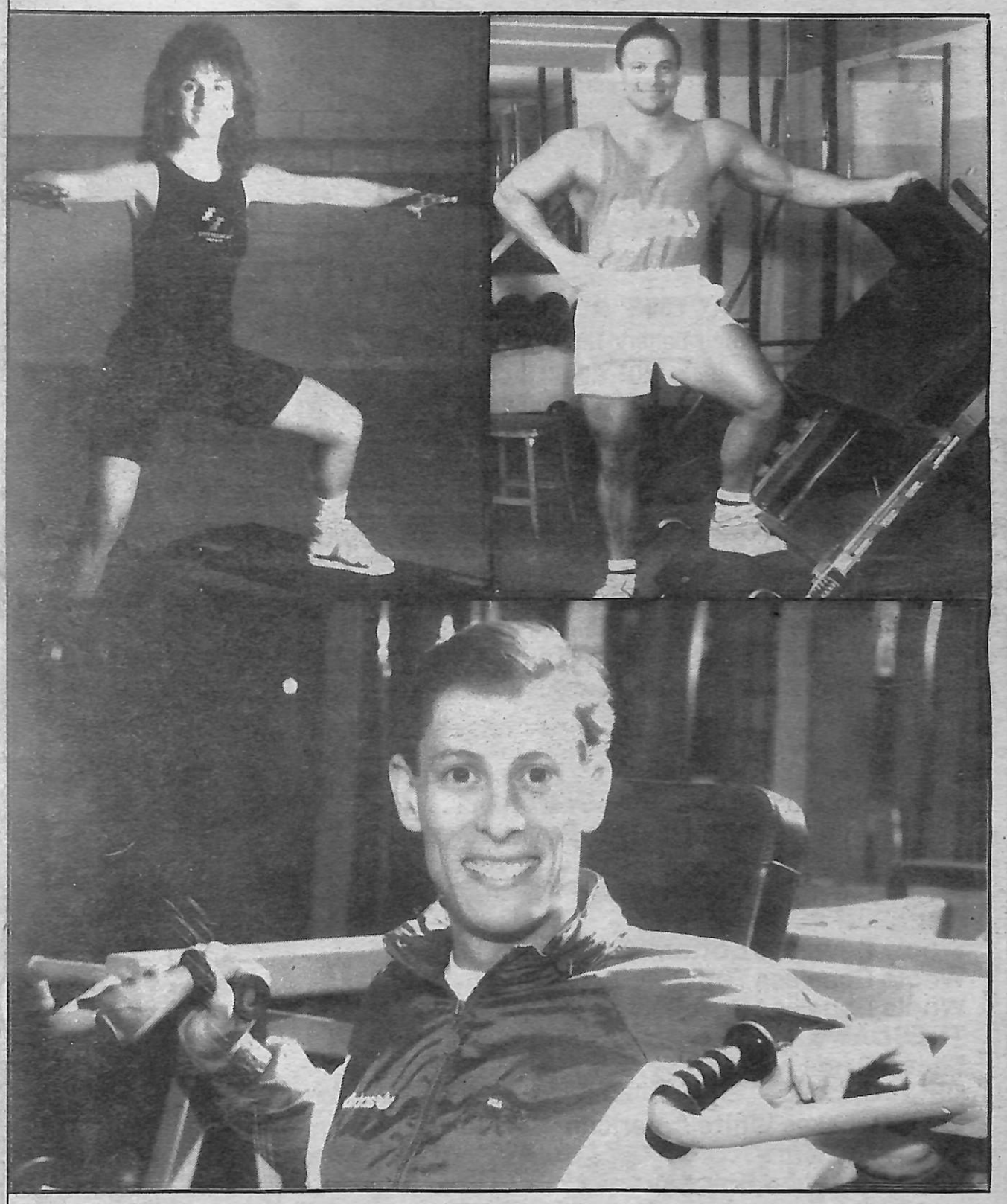


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The Lathrop Map

Much information, valuable to both historian and geneologist, is to be found in the 1831 Lathrop map. It is unusually accurate; and to add further interest, it was made by home-town talent.

John Lathrop was a grandson of Parson Lathrop of West Springfield. His father was Samuel, the Parson's fourth son, and a man who carried on the family tradition for accomplishment.

Samuel was a lawyer, state Senator for 10 years, Congressman from 1818 to 1824, and in later life, owned a large farm in West Springfield.

John Lathrop grew up in his father's house on tree-shaded Ramapogue Street, across from the Eagle Tavern (Elm Street, West Springfield).

He graduated from Yale as had his father and grandfather, and began the study of law in his father's office. After a year or so, he decided that the life of a lawyer was too confining and he turned to a career in civil engineering.

His reason for making the map can only be surmised. Perhaps he felt that he must prove his ability to his home town before the public would have confidence in his work; also, the only town map was 30 years old and not too reliable. His father encouraged the venture and financed publication of the maps.

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There is no record of how long the survey took or who helped him. It may have been his brother Joseph who tramped the fields, hills and woods with him from Mount Tom to the Suffield line, searching for old markers, running new lines for streets and country roads, carefully marking the locations of all the houses.

He kept track of owners' names and number of people in the houses and found the total to be 3,278. This took in what is now Holyoke, West Springfield and Agawam.

The Agawam section of the map shows two churches in Agawam Center and one in Feeding Hills. There were four schools in Agawam and five in Feeding Hills.

North Agawam consisted of a winding road and five houses. No bridge had been built at Mittineague, but there was a dam furnishing power for a grist mill.

A saw mill, satinet factory and tannery were located at the mouth of Three Mile Brook, with Porter's Pond and grist mill farther up on the same stream. There was a grist mill on Pond Brook and a saw mill at Silver Lake.

Three inns were marked on this map: Theodosia Palmer's at Feeding Hills Center, Martin King's in Agawam Center and Warren Clark's at South Agawam.

State surveys have found no flaws in this map and have used it as a pattern. Most of the West Springfield families of 130 years ago purchased a copy. Copies of this map were made by the Agawam Historical Association.

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Resolutions For A Bright New Year

When we think of the old year, with its highs and lows,
We're grateful for the good times, and bury all the woes;
We pray the New Year will bring us much cheer,
And share all our love, for a Happy New Year;

We'll try to make this one, the best, ever yet,
And generously give much more than we get;
We'll try to make love and compassion ever to last,
And strive to correct all the errs of the past;

We'll make this Earth, the best it can be,
From the snow-crested mountains, to the surf-frothy sea;
We'll greet each other, with smiles, not feigned,
And all of our deeds, will be honorably aimed;

We'll try to take back, all the words, sorely spoken,
And amend all the promises, so thoughtlessly broken;
We must reflect on the teachings of "The Infinite One,"
And take our accounting, when each day is done;

And count all our blessings, for all of our days,
And give the Lord thanks, and all of our praise;
For if we really try to make animosity cease,
We'll live in a world of everlasting peace.

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Reflections Of Yesteryear, Dreams Of The Morrow

With a bit of sadness, and the trace of a tear,
I'll bid farewell, to the passing year;
It's always sad to lose a friend,
And those happy times, that come to an end;

It's very hard losing days in your life,
But good, letting go, of days filled with strife;
When this tired old year fades into the past,
Its moments of beauty, I'll try, to hold fast;

I'll leave the old, with hope in my heart,
That the New Year holds all its best, to impart;
I'll remember all the good, and try to right all wrong,
And record all life's beauties, in verse and song;

I'll forgive all who hurt me, put regrets in the past,
I'll let go of my faults, that hold me so fast;
I'll try to accept what God predestines for me,
Though my mind cannot know, nor my eyes cannot see;

Change is hard, because with it, comes fear,
And we know not what awaits us, in the coming year;
I'll leave behind, things of trivial worth,
And create things of beauty, to enhance the Earth;

I'll muster the might to face a year that's new,
And tread righteous highways, in all that I do;
All the tasks undone, and still unknown,
I'll try to assist wherever I roam;

I'll help the wanderer, I meet on the road,
I'll offer my friendship, and lighten his load;
I'll break my bread, and give him a part,
And speak words of encouragement, to uplift his heart;

I resolve to make this the very best year,
And I offer my gift, to bring the world cheer;
If the love of all people, all over the Earth,
United in peace, for a world of great worth;

This would be the most wonderful gift we could give,
Making certain all mankind, can peacefully live.

Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Our Best Face Forward To Foreign Friends

by Robert D. Chadbourne
Advertiser News Contributing Writer

During six years of diplomatic assignments, I learned that it didn't make a lot of difference what Americans were doing, how great her triumphs, how sad her low moments.

Most residents of the host country wondered most about what most Americans were like. Where were they from within their vast nation? What did their regions look like? How did they live on a daily basis?

When they were in my home, I found the best vehicle for promoting understanding and good will was the coffee table in the living room, and the books (called coffee table books by publishers) that sat on them.

From my experience, a color photo book of New England scenes described where I came from, and the Sears Roebuck catalog best described how I lived.

For all the thousands of books in print, only a very few really capture us, push a mirror to our faces, and say, **"This is who you are. This is where you're from."**

Alexandra W. Rollins, an editor and project director working with curators at the Department of State in Washington, D.C., and photographer Will Brown offer us *Treasures of State: Fine and Decorative Arts in the Diplomatic Reception Room at the U.S. Department of State* (Henry N. Abrams, Inc., Publishers, New York).

We don't always visit the State Department when packing the family off on a Washington, D.C., vacation. With a mere 45,000 visitors a year, State is dwarfed by the White House, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian.

For the past 30 years, countless experts (many from our region) have given of their time and talent, as State has acquired the very best of America's past in art, sculpture, glass, furniture, ceramics, and metals.

If we, as Americans, don't examine these rooms closely, they are the places where we greet and entertain those who come to represent their homelands in ours.

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Connecticut is well represented in the collection. One of the finest objects is a splendid 1770 "cann" (drinking tankard) by silversmith Samuel Parmelee of Guilford.

Parmelee, who served in Connecticut's Seventh Regiment during the Revolutionary War, later concentrated on work as a jeweler, but the limited amount of silver he fashioned was what America was later to choose to show the world.

Much of the furniture originated in Massachusetts, although some exact origins are sketchy because much was not documented. Those magnificent old candlestand tables are credited to Massachusetts (based on the fact that Massachusetts seemed to have a lot of them), and that birch was used as a secondary wood to mahogany.

And what more inspiring message for our visitors than *Appeal to the God Spirit,* Cyrus Edwin Dallin's bronze sculpture of the Indian atop a horse, arms outstretched, modeled in Dallin's Boston studio in 1907-1908.

America has never been great on grandeur. To act like royalty has never been in keeping with the practice of democracy. At a mere 371 years old, we can't do pomp like the British and the French anyway.

Still, we've produced great beauty in every medium and art form, and I applaud our polishing up some of our better examples and putting them on international display.

A nice coffee table can open up some nice furnishings, as can the beautiful record of America's past sitting atop it.

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Leonard House Trustees Open "Friends" Campaign



TRUSTEES OF AGAWAM'S most historic home, The Captain Charles Leonard House, Agawam Center, have kicked-off their 1992 "Friends" Campaign. STORY ON NEXT PAGE.

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Leonard House "Friends" Campaign Kicks-Off

February 1992 has been declared "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House" month by president Richard Brindle of the House Board of Trustees.

He invites all residents of Agawam to become "Friends of the Leonard House" by making a gift in any amount, large or small, in the name of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Each year an appeal is made to individuals, to civic organizations and businesses in Agawam to join the family of Friends of the Leonard House. Donations have been received from caring persons, social groups and generous businesses to assist the House Trustees to purchase and upgrade needed equipment.

The Friends funds also help to pay for necessary repairs and improvements to maintain the Leonard House as an attractive historical meeting place for social events of all kinds.

During the year 1991, the list of required improvements included the construction of a ramp with railings for handicapped persons; the application of new roof shingles and exterior paint on the three-car garage and storage shed; the purchase of new metal folding chairs; and the installation of a new hot water tank.

President Richard Brindle expresses special thanks and appreciation for the continued support given by the Agawam Lions Club, the Agawam Women's Clubs (both Junior and Senior), the Agawam Polish American Club, the Agawam Rotary Club, the Agawam UNICO Club, and the Associated Bible Students of Agawam.

Sincere gratitude is also expressed to the many generous individuals and business people who have taken part in the preservation of Agawam's attractive, historical Community House.

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Captain Charles Leonard constructed the House in 1805, as his residence and as an Inn for stagecoach travelers. Horses were sheltered in a large barn that existed on the property in 1938 when an Agawam resident named Mrs. Minerva Davis purchased the House to be renovated.

The old barn was removed to provide parking for cars at the rear of the Leonard House some time after Mrs. Davis presented the property to the residents of Agawam in September 1939.

During the House renovation process, Mrs. Davis consulted frequently with her good friend Elizabeth Pond, who was serving as president of the Agawam Women's Club.

Betty Pond became a charter member and first treasurer of the Board of Trustees that was given responsibility to operate the Leonard House in 1939. Mrs. Pond has been a dedicated and active Trustee for 52 years, receiving honors for her service in 1989 when the Leonard House held its 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Betty Pond enjoys conducting tours for visitors to her favorite House, pointing to its antique furnishings, its five original fireplaces, including the Dutch oven in the "Old Kitchen."

She calls attention to the wide front door with its attractive side lights, and notes that the ancient square lock is still in excellent operating condition with its large old key.

She admires the arched entrance hall and tells that Captain Charles Leonard's guests held dances and receptions in it. Free tours of the Captain Leonard House may be arranged by calling 786-9421.

Trustees president Richard Brindle encourages all residents of Agawam to become "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House" in February. He emphasizes that everyone is welcome to join as a Friend of the House by making a gift in any amount to **Captain Leonard House** and mail to **663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.**

Great Performers At Springfield Symphony

Maestro Raymond Harvey and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra usher in the new year with an exciting Great Performers program on Saturday, January 18th, at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

The program will include Rachmaninoff's lavish Symphony No. 2, Bernstein's *Facsimile* and Elgar's *Sea Pictures* featuring mezzo-soprano D'Anna Fortunato. A free **Words on Music** talk will be held prior to the concert at 7:00 p.m. in Old First Church, located across from Symphony Hall in Court Square.

The evening will open with *Facsmiile,* a ballet by Leonard Bernstein. It was one of several to come out of a creative collaboration between Bernstein and dancer Jerone Robbins, a partnership which later produced the Broadway hit *West Side Story*. *Facsimile* tells the story of the superficial relationships between three people as they imitate, instead of experience, real life.

Edward Elgar's *Sea Pictures* features a mezzo-soprano voice singing five poems involving the sea, from authors such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning and the composer's wife, Lady Caroline Alice Elgar. The program will conclude with Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2. Ranging from dard melancholy to bright triumph, this dramatic work paints the victory of the soul after surmounting terrible suffering.

Describing D'Anna Fortunato, *New York Magazine* said "her lustrous mezzo-soprano and her warmly communicative musical personality are an irresistible combination." Ms. Fortunato has appeared with many major orchestras and conductors, such as Seiji Ozawa, Gunther Schuller, the Detroit Symphony and the New York Philharmonic. This winter, she will perform with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, the National and Dallas Symphonies, the Minnesota Orchestra and San Francisco Symphony. Ms. Fortunato has an extensive discography for many labels, including Harmonia Mundi, Nonesuch and Music-Masters. Her recording of Amy Beach sons was chosen "Best Record of the Year" by *The New York Times, The Boston Globe* and *New York Magazine.*

Tickets for the January 18th Great Performers concert range in price from $5 - $29 and are on sale now through the Symphony Box Office located on the mezzanine level of Baystate West. Tickets may be charged by phone at (413) 733-2291, and selected seats are also available at local TicketMaster outlets including G. Fox stores.

All concerts of the Springfield Symphony are funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Business Friends of the Arts.

Agawam Arts Council Has NYC Trip May 2

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council is planning a bus trip to New York City in May.

Anyone interested in tickets may send a check and self-addressed stamped envelope to Donna Sherpa, council member, 201 Parkedge Drive, Feeding Hills, MA 01030. Please make the check payable to the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council. The price of the bus ticket is $18, round-trip and is non-refundable.

The bus trip will be Saturday, May 2, 1992, with departure time at 6:30 a.m. from the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper Street, Agawam. The departure time is to allow sufficient time for interested parties to purchase half-price tickets to selected Broadway shows.

The bus will make stops at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, 49th Street Rockefeller Center, Time Square (theatre ticket booths), 34th Street Macy's and 14th Street South Street Seaport.

Time and place of departure from New York City will be 6:30 p.m. from Rockefeller Center. There will be no stops into New York City; so bring your own morning snacks. There will be one stop on the trip back to Agawam, with the bus arriving at the Agawam High School around 10:00 p.m.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call council members Donna Sherpa, 786-2493, or Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138. Send for the tickets promptly. Agawam Arts and Humanities bus trips are very popular and tickets go quickly.

Exit Seven Players Plan Auditions For Spring Show

The Exit Seven Players will be holding auditions for the spring production of Philip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story" on Monday and Tuesday, January 20th and 21st, at 7:00 at the Chestnut Theater in Ludlow. Performance dates will be April 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th.

The cast requires four women (ages 16 to to 50) and six men (ages 25 to 65), plus four men and two women for smaller parts.

Auditioners will be required to perform a prepared monologue, from one to two minutes in length. Choice of material is up to the auditioners, but should be of a style similar to the play.

For information, call (413) 547-8784.

Elfin Puppet Theatre At Ag. Library Jan. 25th

The Elfin Puppet Theatre returns to the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, on Saturday, January 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for a new and original puppet performance focusing on the theme of self-esteem.

We are sure to have another popular program from the very talented puppeteer, Sarah Elston, for those aged three and up.

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Education

Saving Rain Forests Successful Unit At James Clark School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

A visit to Clark Elementary School may surprise some guests with the sounds of tropical birds chirping, monkeys chattering, and the flutter of wings from the flying fox!

There is little need for alarm, however, since all the animals are safely encased under the sign 'Stop, Look, and Listen' above the fourth grade showcase entitled "Save Our Rain Forests."

Mrs. Valerie Liptak's fourth grade students in Room 14 enlisted the aid of their art teacher, Mrs. Shepard, to make lovely tropical flowers and to paint trees, leaves, water, and other foliage for the background scenery. Parents also helped to decorate the showcase.

Student Kristen Kocot said, "We have 20 little insects and we learned about many kinds of animals. We made tigers, anteaters, iguanas, snakes, parrots, birds, frogs, butterflies, leopards, monkeys, flying squirrels, and flying foxes."

Mrs. Liptak said the study of the rain forests came about through science study of the weather and social studies chapters on Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Amazon Basin.

But the children said they studied the rain forests mainly because Mrs. Liptak cares about saving them from destruction.

Nicholas D'Angelo said, "The rain forests have a lot of insect, animal, and about 1,650 species' of vegetables. We will lose a lot if we just cut them down."

Nathan Solitario added, "The tropical forests are located between the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn," and Lauren Kunkler added, "People want to cut them down to build farms and buildings."

She continued, "If the trees rot (as opposed to being cut down), the minerals go into the ground and fertilize it."

Edwin Torres noted, "Fifty percent of our rain forests have already been destroyed. This is part of the greenhouse effect because the forests help make the earth's temperature. People must live in harmony with the forest.



THE FOURTH GRADE CLASS OF VALERIE LIPTAK at James Clark School is proud of its showcased project, "Save Our Rain Forests." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

David Gusek remarked, "We will be losing medicines (if we destroy the forests) like the Periwinkle flower that helps cancer patients."

Chris Bilodeau said, "It takes millions of years to regrow," and Shawna Suffriti added, "They will become extinct."

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Mrs. Liptak said the children also learned about the temperate rain forest up the coast of California and Alaska, and they watched a video by *3-2-1 CONTACT!* which talked about the rain forests.

"They learned about the soil erosion without the trees; but the most exciting thing was the students learned if they found a new species, they could name it," she said.

Jennifer Harvey explained, "There are five layers of the rain forest: 1) emergent, 2) canopy, 3) understory, 4) shrub, and 5) herb."

To know these young students had already concluded their study of the rain forests and still retained so much knowledge and facts about its existence, was a true indication that they had enjoyed this lesson and grasped a real understanding of it.

Mrs. Liptak added, "The rain forest showcase added some sunshine, warmth, and brightness to our school in January."

Mrs. Liptak has added some sunshine to these bright young students' futures as well.

Agawam Girl Scouts To Begin Annual Cookie Sale

Girl Scout Cookies are back again by popular demand!

Over 3,000 Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts will be taking order for seven different varieties of cookies between January 23rd and February 13th. Cookies remain at the same low price of $2.50 per box. Delivery of ordered cookies will occur between March 19th and April 5th.

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale directly benefits girls in the Pioneer Valley by encouraging the development of leadership and business skills among girls, as well as providing necessary financial support for Girl Scout programs and activities. This year's Council-wide goal is 270,000 boxes of cookies sold.

If a Girl Scout is not able to call on you during the cookie order-taking period, please call 525-4124 to place your order.

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Tuesday, January 21st: Pepperoni pizza, Italian mixed vegetables, chilled pears, milk.

Wednesday, January 22nd: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, peas & carrots, mixed fruit cup or chocolate cake with chocolate icing, milk.

Thursday, January 23rd: Sliced turkey sandwich in roll with lettuce & tomato, ½ baked potato, applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, January 24th: Meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, steamed broccoli, fruit cup or ice cream, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the **Agawam School Lunch.**)

Jr. High Band Parents Slate Benefit Auction

The Agawam Junior High School Band Parents Organization will sponsor a benefit auction at Sacred Heart Church Parish Center, 1059 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Monday, January 20th (Martin Luther King holiday).

The preview will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a 6:00 p.m. auction. The auctioneer will be Elaine Hood.

Items for auction include several gift certificates, celebrity items, toys and games, Atlantic City tickets, events tickets, furniture, dishes, and other new and used merchandise. Refreshments will be available.

People may donate auction items at the door. All gifts are tax deductible. For more information about this event, contact Tammy Watson at Agawam Junior High School (789-1400, ext. 460), or at home (566-3184).

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The Agawam Public Library invites local parents and preschool children to come in and check out a variety of beautiful new materials especially suited to the interests of toddlers and young children.

Books, puppets, puzzles, videos, audio cassettes, building blocks and educational toys are available both for library play and to check out. All of these materials are designed to enlarge the ever-changing world of preschool children and to stimulate their intellectual and emotional development in the warmth of the family environment.

The library also hosts playgroup sessions on Monday or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged two and three and their parents. These informal sessions offer several toys and puzzles for free play and social interaction under parental supervision. Housekeeping toys, manipulative games, puzzles, and puppets are among the offerings at these programs.

Due to fire and safety laws, all who attend these sessions must register by phone or in person, anytime during regular library hours. There are just a few openings left in the series that began on January 13th, and registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The library is providing these toys and playgroups to help local families and educators encourage the optimal preschool development so vital to success in the school years that follow.

Financial assistance for this special project is made possible with federal funds administered through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

All who are involved and concerned with enriching the lives of our young children, are welcome to visit the library, view our displays, and learn more about our services for preschoolers and their families during library hours: Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Winter Pool Classes

Week Of Jan. 6th Thru Week Of Feb. 24th

BABY AND ME: 3 - 24 months
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Tuesday Jan. 7th - Feb. 25th 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Members - $25.00 Non-Members - $35.00

BABY SWIM & GYM: 3 months - 2½ years
This class is geared to "having fun" with parents as instructors providing their child with a secure, caring, loving environment to create a positive attitude towards water and exercise—an important foundation to last a lifetime through parent's example. A 30 minute gym session and a 30 minute pool session. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Members - $35.00 Non-Members - $45.00

TODDLER SWIM & GYM: 2½ - 5 years (Mon. or Thurs.)
Class will help improve pre-schooler's self-confidence, independence, motor coordination, hand-eye and foot-eye coordination, teach them to wait their turn, and develop socialization skills in both the gym and the pool. A 30 - 40 minute pool session followed by a 30 minute gym period. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

Monday Jan. 6th - Feb. 24th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday Jan. 9th - Feb. 27th 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Members - $40.00 Non-Members - $50.00

BEGINNER SWIM LESSONS: 5 - 10 years
This program introduces children to the basic skills of swimming and enjoyment of the water. Front and back float, breathing techniques, and safety skills will be covered. Each child is encouraged to progress at his/her own level. Eight week sessions. Meets once per week.

New Day! Wednesday Jan. 8th - Feb. 26th 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. New Time!
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Public Invited To Attend Meeting To Air Returned $24,000 To Junior High School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The public is invited to attend a meeting on Monday, January 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Faolin Peirce Room of the Agawam Police Station, Springfield Street, to discuss the reimbursement of restitution funds which remain in the safekeeping of the City Treasury.

Approximately $24,000 was repaid to the town by former Agawam Junior High School principal Thomas O'Keefe for funds taken from the Junior High student activity account over a 10-year period.

An independent audit of the account records from 1985 to 1991 determined that over $58,000 had initially been unaccountable, but more than half was repaid prior to O'Keefe's conviction this past summer.

From the restitution money paid to Agawam, the auditor's bill of $1,500 and a school supply company still remained outstanding in the fall. In September 1991, the Agawam Junior High P.T.O. hosted a meeting to set up a committee consisting of teachers, parents, and students for the disbursement of the remaining funds; but the issue arose as to who had authority over the expenditures.

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Mayor Christopher Johnson has been asked to attend the meeting. This meeting will again be hosted by the Junior High P.T.O., which had originally assumed they would be successors to the principal's student activity account before that account was closed last year.

P.T.O. president Susan Pettazzoni said that she hoped people in attendance would be able to put together suggestions for the remaining restitution funds. Suggestions will be compiled and submitted in a letter to the Town Council, according to Mrs. Pettazzoni.

At the September meeting, there was unanimous agreement that the money should be spent on student enrichment programs and curriculum enhancement. Mrs. Pettazzoni hopes to explore more specific avenues to submit in a written proposal.

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Guide On Scholarships Being Distributed By AHS Guidance

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam High School Guidance Department has found another savings for seniors going on to college through an addition tied in to the financial aid program.

AHS Guidance will also distribute a newsletter to parents of all elementary and Middle School students in Agawam for information on the preparation of meeting college costs.

Paul Cavallo, AHS Guidance Department Chair, said, "We are trying to get the word out to parents on financial aid and knowing what resources are available. We conduct open houses on higher education and post a weekly bulletin at AHS for scholarship applications."

This year through The College Counsel, students filled out 'The Scholarship Advisor Application' at no cost. "Normally the cost is $69.95 for this and $89.95 for The College Advisor, or $159.90 for both," Cavallo said.

"In return, the student received a booklet compiled for a personalized selection containing a qualified letter of recommendation and college scholarships available for which that student qualifies.

"There is also a list of state scholarships, grants and loans in the booklet," said Cavallo.

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The application is a request to The College Counsel to conduct a scholarship search for the high school, college or graduate students by providing a personal, academic, activity, experience and interest profile on the student, as well as parental, military, employer and/or membership organization information.

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"In March we give a list of about 56 local scholarships available to the students as well," Cavallo said.

In addition to all of this information supplied to AHS seniors planning to attend college after graduation, Cavallo said he will distribute "The College Savings Times" to parents of students at the Agawam elementary and Middle Schools this month.

The newsletter highlights why parents should save for college; how the financial aid process works in regard to calculating a family's eligibility for financial aid; answers to specific questions about how a family's financial circumstances are treated in the financial aid process; review of literature on early financial planning; and suggestions on how to save for college.

Cavallo remarked, "This newsletter encourages parents to start saving for college when the child is young. If you start saving when the child is only one or two years old, it is much more beneficial and affordable."

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In the newsletter, a block of questions and answers asks, "What advantages does saving now have over taking out a loan in the future?", and the response states, "When you save money, you earn interest—when you borrow money, you pay interest."

This simplifies the reasoning, but it is also supported by tables such as one example (based on a fixed eight percent interest rate) which shows that in order to set aside even $10,000 for college (the cost for perhaps one year at a state college), the monthly amount at age one would be $23.16. but would jump to $246.70 if beginning at age 15.

And, as Cavallo noted, eight percent interest is out of reach for regular savings accounts, and you would need a five-year or longer time horizon for most other investment vehicles.



AGAWAM HIGH GUIDANCE DEPT. CHAIRMAN Paul C. Cavallo hands a *"Scholarship Advisor Application"* to Agawam High seniors Sheila Martin and Chris Dudek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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AHS Model Congress Bring Education Bill To AIC Conference

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Four Agawam High School delegates participated in American International College's 52nd Model Congress on Thursday, January 9th, through Saturday, January 11th, with more than 300 high school student senators and representatives debating during the three-day event.

They were accompanied by AHS advisor John Ferranti and a reporter from the *MIRROR*, the student newspaper.

Students from 29 schools in New England and New York drafted and sponsored bills which they attempted to make law while engaging in the legislative process.

The student delegates presented bills that reflected global awareness and issues currently facing the U.S. Congress.

According to AIC Director of Public Relations Craig Greenburg, "Some of the issues debated in the 52nd session included preserving peace and stability of relations between the U.S. and Middle East; limiting the number of terms which a member of the U.S. Senate and State House of Representatives may serve; and taxing illegal drugs found in an individual's possession."

Congressman Richard E. Neal, D-Springfield, was the celebrity judge at the Saturday evening Awards Banquet. He selected the best bill during the banquet and awarded the top delegate a full scholarship to AIC.

The second-place delegate was awarded a half scholarship, and third- and fourth-place delegates were awarded a quarter scholarship.

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AHS senior Jeremy Hill wrote and sponsored a bill that delegate-senior Andrew Turcotte to pass into law a "national standardized public education curriculum." Although the bill was defeated, Jeremy felt the two sponsors presented a good debate.

"We argued that this would prepare the student for the future, and that they would better see the big picture because of periodic testing.

"Schools could see where they needed help and where the system could be amended or changed. All employers in the military would know from past history what they were getting from that person because the person has reached a certain level of achievement," said Jeremy.

Jeremy and Andrew were part of the Interior Committee which argued their bill, an equal rights bill, limiting of judicial terms, and sentencing for a police officer's killing. There were two delegates each from five schools on this committee.

Agawam's two other delegates, freshman John Manning and sophomore Mike Fisher, were placed in the Judiciary Committee which reviewed bills in five categories.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH MODEL CONGRESS and their advisor, faculty member John Ferranti, are congratulated by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for their good work at the Annual AIC Model Congress last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mike said, "Some bills included limiting the terms of Congressmen and changing the election process with a 1-800 number to call in votes."

He added, "This was my first year, so I watched more than debated. I am planning on going again next year. It was a good experience."

John noted, "It was very nice, and I'm planning on staying involved. We learned all the steps a bill goes through when it goes into Committee.

"On the third day, we went from our committee into the House of Representatives. All the Agawam delegates were in the House."

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Jeremy said, "When we arrived on Thursday night, they called an Emergency Session about giving aid to the new Russian Republic."

This special session was designated to give delegates insight into the lobbying efforts that affect policy matters in the U.S. Congress, and to prepare delegates for the Committee, House, and Senate sessions that took place on Friday and Saturday," according to Greenburg.

Jeremy said, "The bill in Emergency Session was destroyed. The consensus was to give more aid to our own people before others."

He added, "On Friday and Saturday, we had more hours of debate than normal school (hours). On Saturday alone, we had nine hours of House."

The four AHS delegates stayed at the dorms on campus at AIC Thursday and Friday nights. On Friday evening there was a dance, and on Saturday evening there was a banquet.

Jeremy is "thinking of taking political science in college" and regrets that he did not become involved in Model Congress sooner.

"The democratic process seems to work well. I was able to see the process on a large scale; more so than what I see as Student Representative at the School Committee," he said.

"The more you speak, the easier it becomes. Andrew and I asked a lot of questions and kept seeking the floor. I gained a lot of confidence," added Jeremy.

Andrew agreed, saying, "It was a good experience. The sessions were really intense. We did well for our first year, but it takes experience —not only the knowledge of what to do. All the kids were really nice; some came from Vermont and Connecticut."

He added, "This experience has definitely enlightened me as to what it is like getting into politics. You have to use your wits and your mind, and you have to be quick."

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Andrew is still leaning toward a legal career for college next year, but was impressed with this experience and its valuable lessons.

When talking about college after graduation, Jeremy added, "The United States and South Africa are the only two countries in the world that make students pay to go to public college."

The AHS delegates were all pleased to see that Chris Safarik, a 1991 AHS graduate who had participated in Model Congress during his AHS high school years, was awarded a quarter scholarship as a delegate from Suffield Academy this year.

Chris Quatrone, a 1991 AHS graduate who ran for Agawam Town Council during the last election, was Safarik's coach and was a member of AHS Model Congress last year as well.

Jeremy said, "I became friends with Chris Safarik and Chris Quatrone, and I had a really great time. I was able to meet many other students. It is a great experience to help students look ahead."

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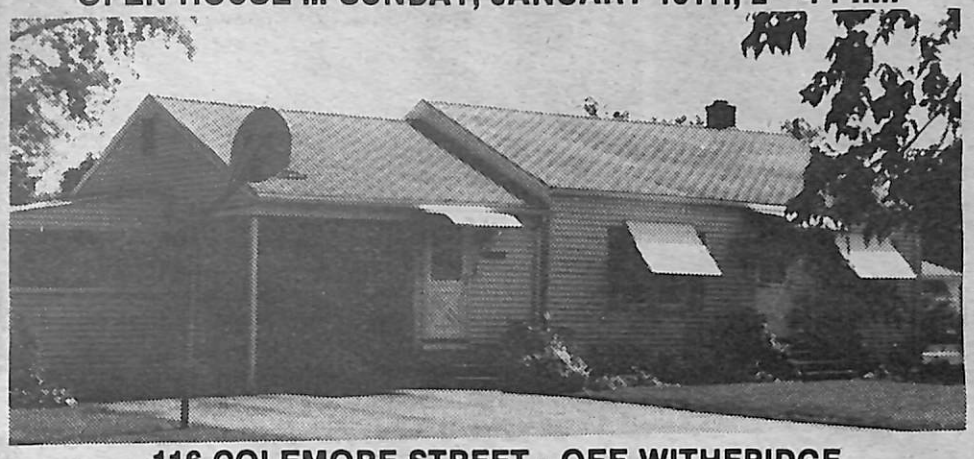
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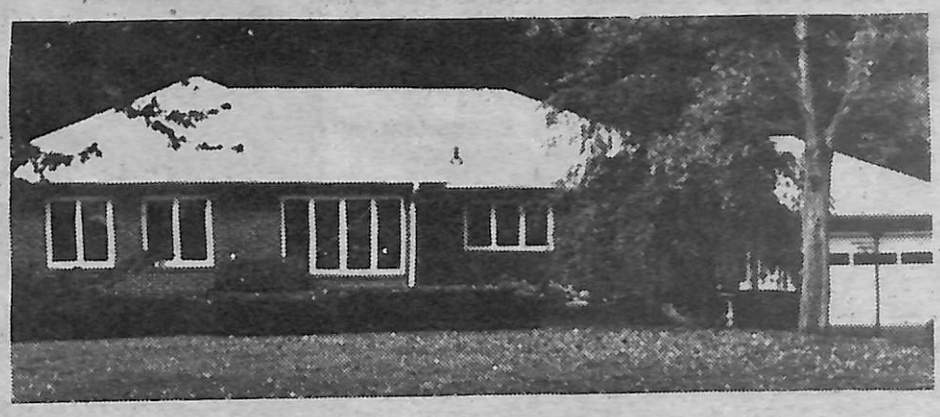


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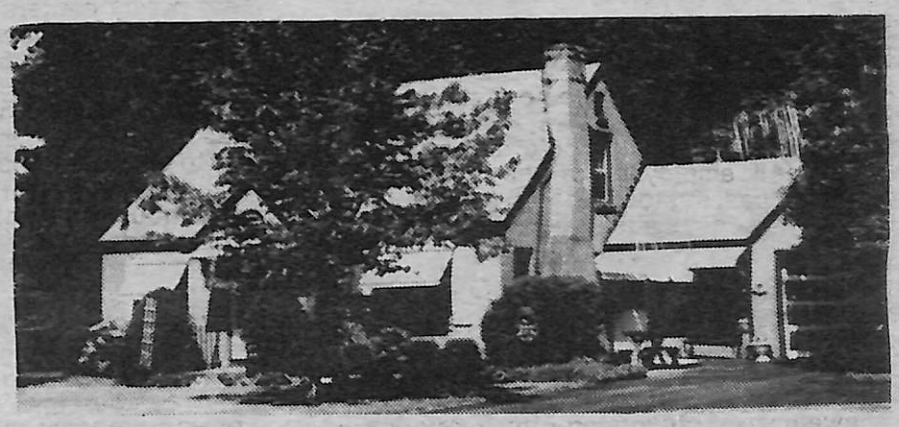
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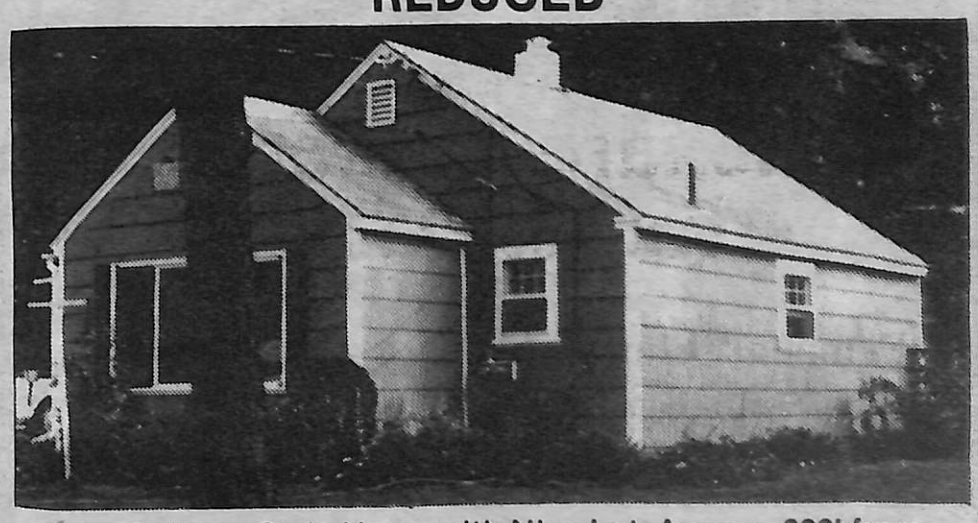
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Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Counseling Center Has Therapeutic Group

The Agawam Counseling Center is pleased to announce a therapeutic activity group for girls between the ages of 10 and 12. The group will be oriented towards children who may be having adjustment problems, difficulty with peer relationships, or who are experiencing learning difficulties.

The goals of the group are to boost self esteem, improve social skills and provide an outlet for talking about problems. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m., beginning at the end of January and running for the school year. There is no fee for the group.

If you are interested in learning more about the group, or if you would like to schedule a screening interview, please contact Nancy Jessup at 786-6410.

Plans Continue For AHS Band-A-Thon

On February 7th, 1992, a very special event will take place in Agawam. On this date at 7:00 p.m., and continuing for 15 consecutive hours, students and parents affiliated with the Agawam High School instrumental music will stage a Band-a-Thon at Agawam High School.

The purpose of this entertainment extravaganza will be to raise the necessary funding for the purchase of new uniforms for the Agawam High School Marching Band and Colorguard.

As we look to the future, there is clearly a need for this kind of fundraising. With the economic climate of most school systems throughout the state, it is likely that the level of funding for capital expenses will dwindle further than ever.

Our goal is $25,000. Clearly, without the support of the community, we will not be able to successfully complete the fundraising program.

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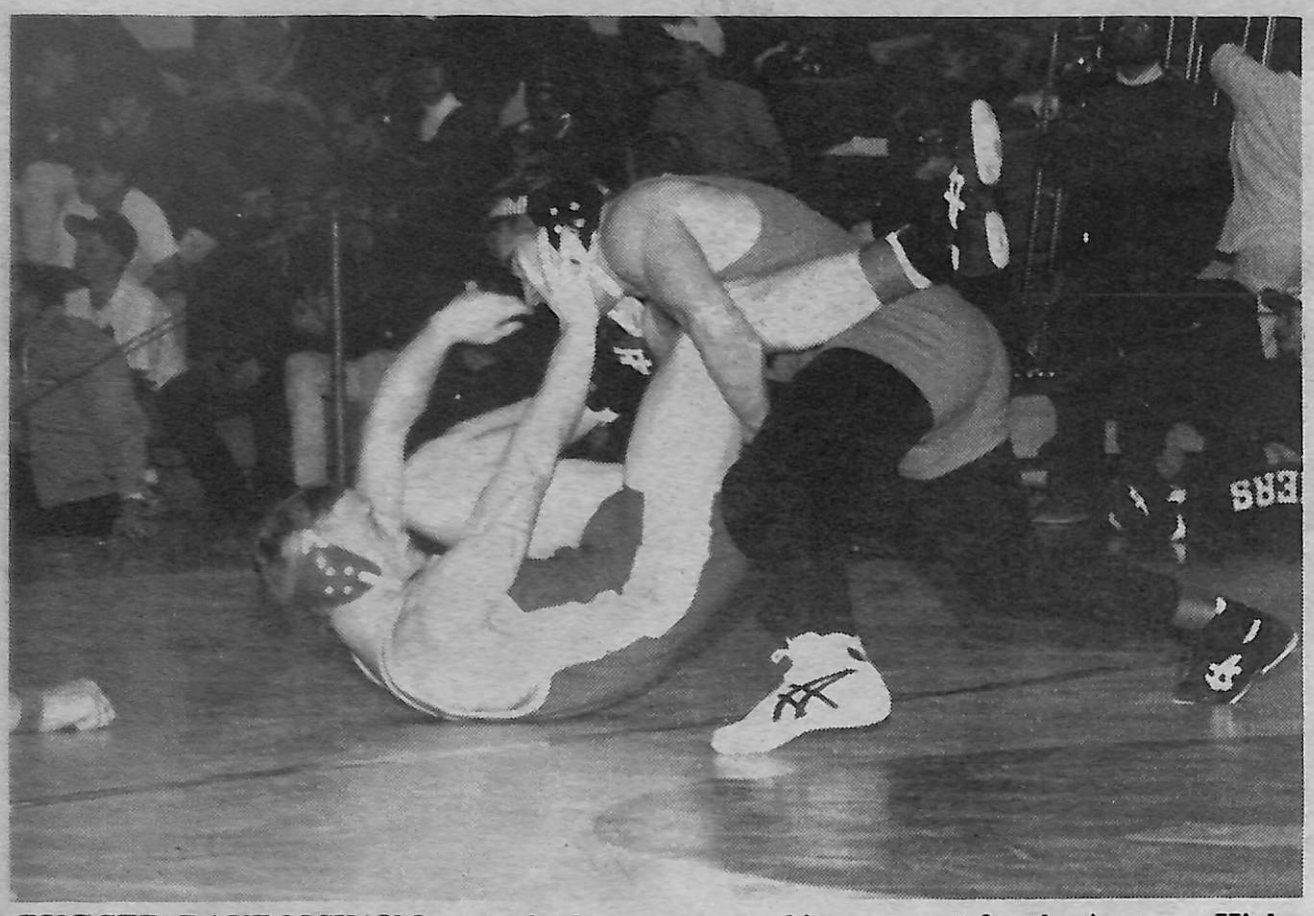
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Sports



RUGGED DAVE MCKAY knows the best way over this opponent for the Agawam High wrestling team. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Brings State Mat Cup Back To Town

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Commonwealth Cup is one sturdy tournament. Each year, Agawam goes to the Cup in Northern Massachusetts and wrestles its collective heart out.

Some years they come home with a hard-fought victory, and other years they come back with excruciating losses. It almost always provides the Brownies with their best competition of the season.

This season was no different, and a very satisfied and exhausted band of grapplers rode home in the bus with a terrific come-from-behind victory.

Agawam drew the short straw in the tournament and had to wrestle perhaps the top three teams in the state. We won't know that until tournament time (or until Springfield Central hosts them in mid-February).

But, dual meets with Billerica, defending State Champion Randolph, and tough-as-nails Lowell will certainly get your attention.

A week earlier, Agawam won the Ludlow Tournament with a combined 34-4-1 individual match record. This past weekend, they won the Commonwealth Cup with a combined 19-17-3 record.

It was grueling.

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It didn't end until a few minutes past 8:00 p.m. when George Ghareeb shook off a previously lacklustre day by squashing the Lowell heavyweight to provide his team with a dramatic come-from-behind 31-28 win in the Finals.

The Brownies came from behind in all three matches on the day as they stopped Billerica 34-21 and then pounced on Randolph 36-27.

The key to the win was the points that the Brownies piled up in the pinning category. The Brownies recorded 10 pins (three by Nick Langone) and were only subdued three times themselves.

Langone had a terrific day, including his solid stick of the Lowell 189-pounder, setting up Ghareeb's heroics. Other unbeaten Brownies included Mike Cooper, who blasted his way to two pins and a technical fall.

Nate Wood was at his all-time best with a 3-0 won loss slate on Saturday, as he won decisions by the score of 6-1, 6-3, and 8-2.

Mike Bryant had a great day as well, waxing three opponents in equally convincing ways. He had a 12-2 major decision win, a 15-0 technical fall and a second-period pin.

Dave McKay had a fine outing with a pin and a 6-5 squeak-it-out victory against Randolph. He lost by a major decision in the Lowell Finals' match, but he was wrestling Lowell's best wrestler and wouldn't allow himself to get stuck.

Ghareeb wrestled the fourth- and fifth-best heavyweights in the state from last year in the first two rounds, and lost in the last 15 seconds of the third period on both occasions.

He dropped a 2-0 yawner in the Billerica match and then suffered a 4-3 setback against Randolph.

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Stu McGregor went 1-2 at 160, but saved his best for last with a most important 8-6 win in the Finals which tied the score at 19-19, setting up the heroics by Langone and Ghareeb.

Pat Brown and Kevin Willard both stuck a "W" into the mix, and both of them did it by pinning one opponent. Chris Wilkie had two exciting matches in the first two rounds, only to see them both end in draws.

Shawn Rising wrestled as well as he could in Lowell, only to come home with a 0-2-1 slate on the day. He punished a Billerica strong man in the first match, only to lose 4-2. Rising sunk the "bars and a half" twice on his muscle-bound opponent, but could never turn him for the back points.

Shawn did all the work, only to lose. He was pinned in his second outing and then worked to a 6-6 draw in the third (and Final) round in a match that he was penalized two points for stalling.

Vinnie Petrangelo lost two decisions and gained a victory through forfeit, and Mike DaSilva lost all three of his matches on the day. DaSilva, a Western Mass. terror at 171, is now 0-6 spanning two seasons at the Commonwealth Cup.

DaSilva did provide the crowd with a thrilling moment in the Finals. After trailing 14-0 after one period, he chose top in the second.

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Comp Becomes Another Easy Win For Girls' Hoop

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

It sorta seems like we have seen this act before. The Agawam High girls' basketball team was unbeaten in 23 straight two seasons ago before finally succumbing in the State SemiFinals.

This season, despite a very young nucleus and many unproven players in key positions, the Brownies have jumped fast again. Following their 61-21 crushing of Chicopee Comp in Chicopee on Tuesday afternoon, the young Brownies stand atop the heap at 9-0.

Lou Conte has the Brownies playing crisp, disciplined, fundamental basketball, and it is showing up in all phases of their game.

The most beautiful part of their game this season has been their interior passing as they swiftly and effectively move the ball around in the paint, almost always creating a layup for a teammate. It is this kind of unselfish basketball that ultimately determines who goes the furthest in a long season.

The Comp game was no contest from the start. This has been stated here before (and I'm happy to do it again), but the Brownies could have shut out the Colts if they wanted to do so.

At one point in the contest, Agawam watched sophomore forward Cyndi Stone score 12 unanswered points as the scoreboard spun and spun until Agawam led the homestanding Colts 55-8!

Incidentally, it was 34-8 at halftime, and the Brownies had banged home the final two hoops of the half. That adds up to a 25-0 Brownie blitz.

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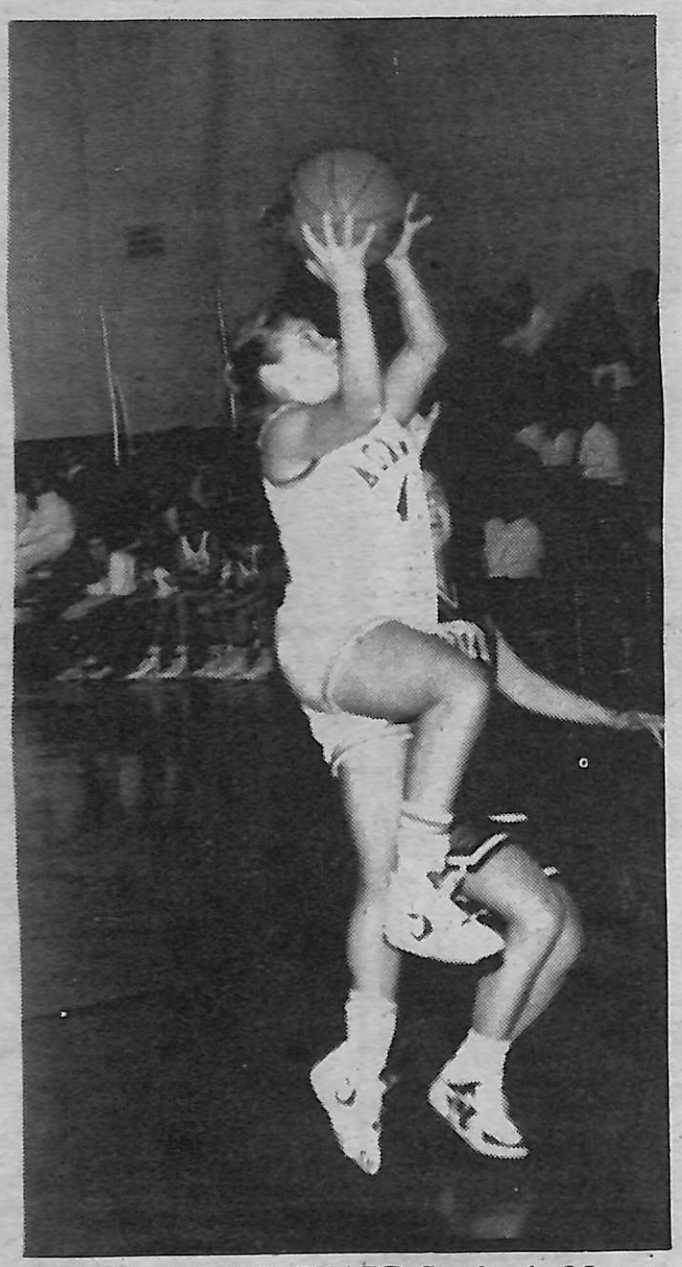
That didn't overshadow the fact that Kim Trudel was an absolutely dominant force in the lane with her lefty face-up jumper and her power moves to the board. Kim could have topped Wilt's 100 if she wanted to.

Another big advantage that Conte and the Brownies have is the excellent performance this season by Laura Bielitz, a junior guard-forward who has her shooting touch razor sharp already. Bielitz hit four wing set shots that never touched the rim on their way to the bottom of the bucket.

Sheila Martin, the team's lone senior, is throwing in a basket here and a basket there, and doing a whale of a job distributing the ball to the interior and to the corners.

A coach's kid, Martin does the fundamentals perfectly each time she handles the basketball, and this adds up to many solid Agawam possessions.

The "heart" of the team might be Stephanie



JUNIOR POINT GUARD Stephanie Mason goes up for an easy layup in recent win for the Agawam High Brownies. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mason, the ballhawking point guard. Mason made six steals (that I counted) on Tuesday, and she puts a little "zip" into an otherwise half court set offense.

Kristin Schmaelzle makes a big contribution off the bench, as the freshman forward is getting her feet wet early as Conte tries to toughen her up for the tough league schedule ahead.

And it will be tough. Teams from Northampton and Amherst are waiting with very talented, deep and veteran quintets that will definitely test the Brownie mettle.

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Brownie Grapplers Annihilate Cathedral

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High hosted its first dual wrestling meet of the season and it came off with little or no difficulty as they pummelled the Panthers of Cathedral 56-5 in front of the usual gathering of knowledgeable fans.

The knowledge certainly extends to the fact that the Brownie fans expect a win when their favorite grapplers take to the squared circle.

Twelve of the 13 wrestlers did pick up victories, with six of them coming by pins. "It was an excellent performance," said coach Phil Tomkiel. "We had a legitimate chance to lose five or six matches tonight.

"Don't forget, we saw some of these kids in our Christmas tournament, Two of Cathedral's wrestlers won our Christmas tournament and we knocked off both kids. Pat Brown and Dave McKay did super jobs, and even Vinnie Petrangelo, our lone loss on the night, wrestled an excellent match before losing to that kid Ferry."

The Brownies were able to administer the thumping even though they were competing with three junior varsity performers in the lineup.

Matt Bryant stepped up at the 103 weight class and pounded his Panther by the tune of a 10-0 victory. Keith Wilkie was unable to make weight at 103 for the second straight week, so Bryant ran his varsity record to 2-0 with a dominating performance.

Rookie Kevin Willard continues to march through his competition at 112 as he battled hard to win a 14-4 major decision. Brown bumped off Xmas Tourney Champion Jason Landry with an exciting 7-4 decision at the 119 pound class.

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Shawn Rising, toppled by sickness at the Milford Tournament, has been brilliant ever since and he worked a second period pinning combination at 125 pounds.

Mike Cooper has rebounded from getting spanked in the Christmas tournament Finals by blitzing everybody in his path. He earned a first period pin at 130 pounds.

Nathan Wood won a 4-0 decision at 135 pounds. "He really worked the kid over," said Tomkiel. "He just couldn't finish a pinning combination.

"Mike Bryant is really becoming quite a pinner," added Tomkiel, after watching Bryant win again with a first period stick at 140.

Petrangelo got stuck in the second period by Ferry at 145. Cathedral earned the six points for the pin, but had a point taken away by the referee for arguing during the meet.

Jeremy Jacobsen continues to fill in capably for the ill Stuart McGregor. Jacobsen decisioned his 152-pound foe 7-1 in a fine performance, according to Tomkiel.

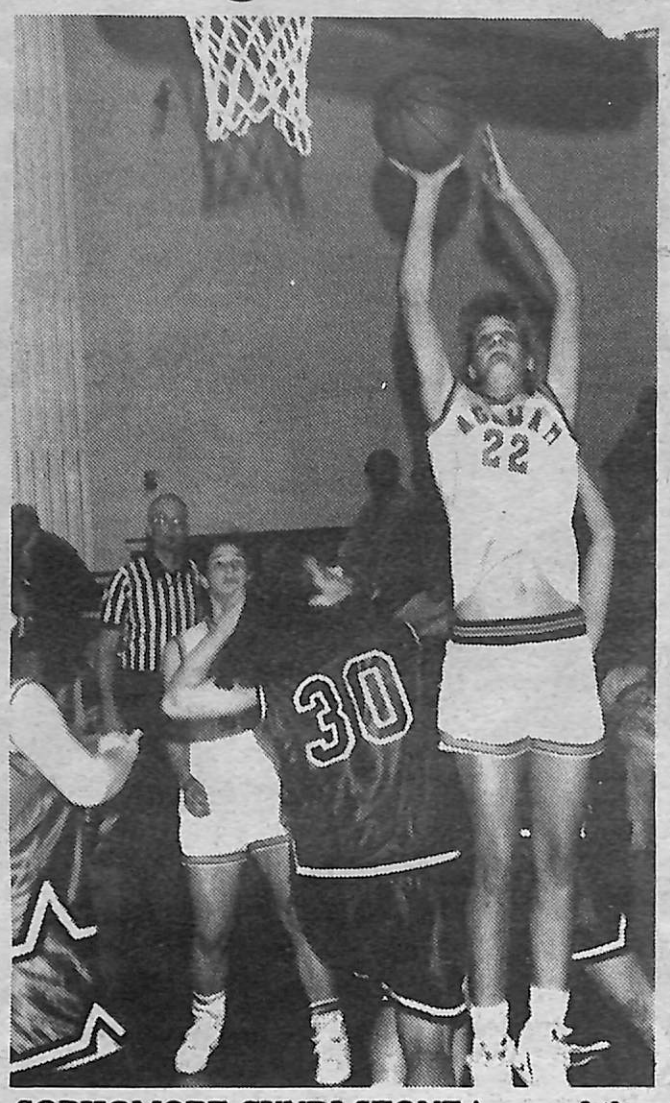
Dave McKay won a wild 10-7 battle with Christmas Tourney Champ Mike Collins in a very satisfying triumph for the Brownies.

Mike DaSilva got a rematch of his Christmas Tournament Finals by once again pinning Angel Alban after falling behind on the scoreboard early.

Nicky pinned. What's new? Dynamite junior Nick Langone dispatched his opponent with a second period stick, and Mark DaSilva, filling in for mildly injured strongman George Ghareeb, was a terror as he made his man's shoulders rub in the first period.

The Brownies go in search of yet another Commonwealth Cup (story this edition) as they travel to Lowell on Saturday, January 11th.

Strong Frontliner!



SOPHOMORE CYNDI STONE is one of the reasons the AHS girls' hoop team is currently at 9-0 and ranked second in Western Mass.
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

GIRLS' HOOP - from Page 37...

Those two teams are also undefeated to this point in the season. Northampton is led by Lauren Demski, a hard-nosed prime time player, and they are very well coached.

Agawam may beat them at Clifford P. Kibbe gym, but winning at 'Hamp has always been a tough assignment. This year will be no different.

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Amherst always played Agawam tough—home and away. Jamilia Wideman, the Hurricane thirty fourth year point guard, is terrific.

Actually, she is in her fifth year on the team and is still just a junior! Amherst is a regional school, and players are eligible for the Varsity in seventh grade. She was plenty good enough then, and she is better now.

She is paired with gunner Jen Pariseau, who can hit the bombs anywhere from inside I-91, and she comes into the gymnasium with both chambers ready to fire. Amherst is also well-coached, and Agawam/Amherst should be a couple of tough battles again this season.

Cathedral comes to Agawam's gymnasium this Friday night to try and avenge a four-point, non-conference loss in their own building which occurred over the Christmas holidays.

It's going to get a lot more interesting, but that is the way that you want it when you want to be the best. Conte's team is playing together on the court, and they'll have to keep extra sharp to get back to the Civic Center again.

I promise you this ... it will be one heckuva run for Agawam, and I am looking forward to it. Support the Brownies. Maybe the "6th man" will be able to get them to the Promised Land this year.

WRESTLING - from Page 37...

Many thought that he would just push away his talented foe and lost by Technical Fall, but DaSilva went after him and (as Lowell coach George Bossy put it) "ran a clinic" for the next minute, nearly tilting his opponent for what would have been a huge turnaround.

Langone remains the only undefeated Brownie this season with his sterling performance.

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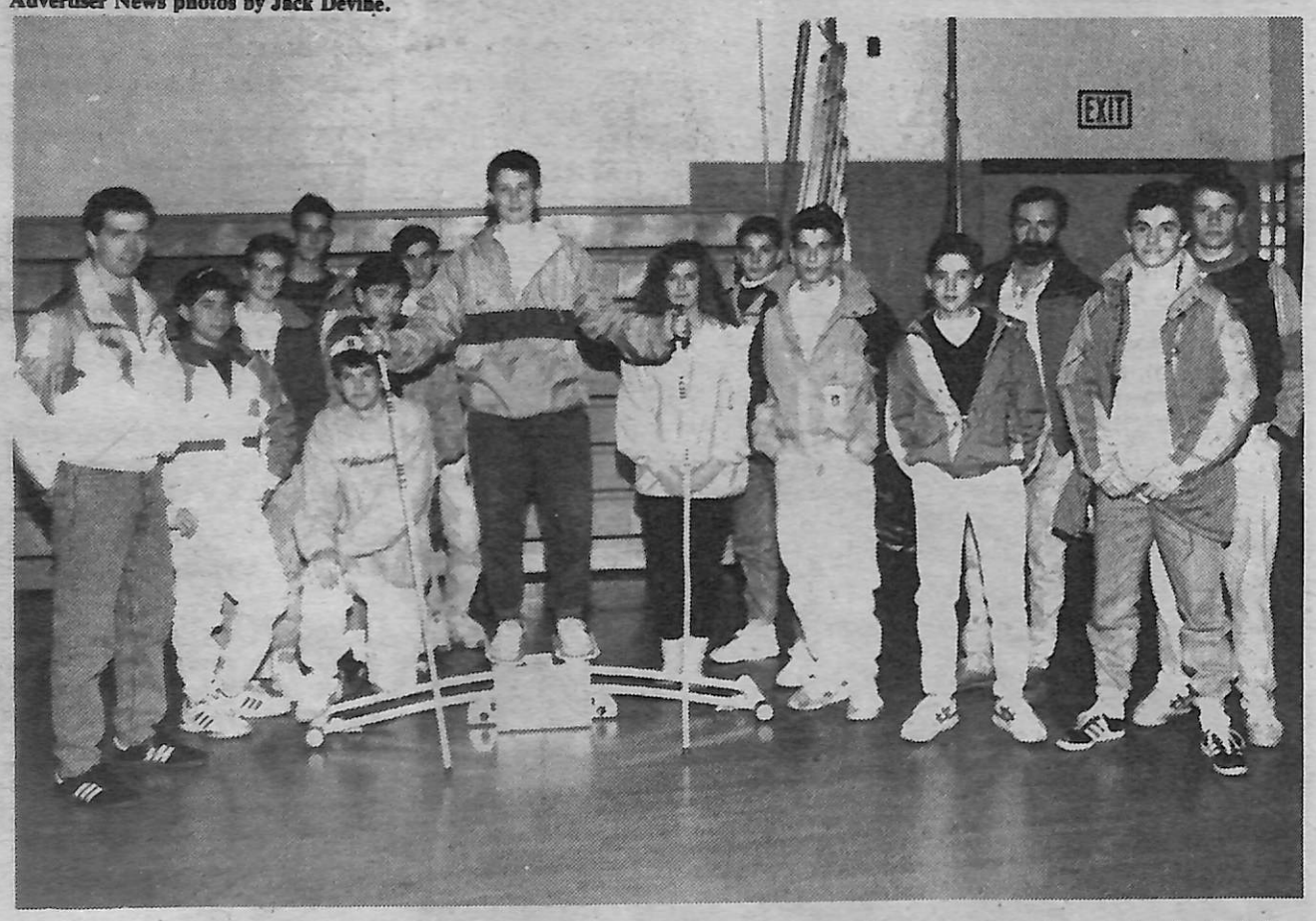
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AHS Ski Teams "Simulate" The Slopes



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH boys' and girls' ski team, when not on the slopes, are in the AHS gym using a ski simulator called "The Skier's Edge." IN TOP PHOTO, Kim Nacewicz and girls' coach Jim Graveline give a demonstration on the machine's use; IN PHOTO BELOW, Brett Gearing shows good form as teammates look on. This year's boys' coach is again Glenn Olson.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Both AHS Ski Coaches Positive About Team

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' and girls' ski teams raced down the mountain at Berkshire East last Thursday afternoon for the first time this season, and their performances left both ski coaches pleased and encouraged with the early-season effort.

The boys' team finished fourth in a seven-team field for coach Glen Olson. The top skier on the day was Eddie LaLancette (50:01 in the Slalom), followed by fine efforts by Paul Markowski and Joey Scherpa.

The boys' team has 13 competitors this season and looks toward a bright future with a solid corps of underclassmen.

The girls finished right smack in the middle of an 11-team competition in the Giant Slalom. They were topped by Diane DeLuce, who did her career best and cracked the Top Ten for the first time in competition.

In exciting team competition, Kim Graveline finished just three seconds behind DeLuce, falling just short of an appearance in the Top Ten.

Foreign exchange student Florence Laly was "really cranking" down the hill, according to coach Jim Graveline, before she wiped out and, thus, didn't finish her run.

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"Some of the freshmen were a little nervous in their first outing," said Graveline. "But, they got up there and competed very well, and provide us with a young, solid, 14-member squad.

"We are really enthused this season with the amount of interest in the program. Also, sophomores Nicole Racicot and Nicole DeCosmo have definitely improved their performances from their rookie season."

Graveline feels that both teams "are about where they were last year and may move up a position or two this year."

On Tuesday, January 14th, the scheduled meet was called off due to heavy rains in the area.

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AHS Boys' Girls Swim Savoring Victory Over Springfield Cathedral

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' swim team beat Cathedral 101-77 this week. The 200-yard medley was won in 2:01.69 by Jeremy Spring, Steve Lewis, Aaron Orsucci, and John Champigny.

Alan Niemiec came in first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:12.43, and second place was also won by Agawam by Gary Jock with 2:15.43.

The 200-yard individual medley was won by John Champigny in 2:37.27. Aaron Orsucci gave his best so far this year, winning the 50-yard freestyle in :24.17.

Timmy Church was second in diving at 1:34.55, and Steve Lewis did the 100-yard butterfly in 1:05.07 for a win. John Champigny won a second event, swimming the 100-yard freestyle in 1:00.25.

Agawam also won the 500-yard freestyle, thanks to Alan Niemiec with a time of 6:16.20. The 200-yard freestyle relay was won in 1:46.73 by John Champigny, Steve Lewis, Jeremy Spring, and Aaron Orsucci.

Jeremy Spring took third place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:16.35. Aaron Orsucci won his second event of the day swimming the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:13.13. Aaron now qualifies to swim in any of the nine individual events.

Second place was won in the 400-yard freestyle relay by Gary Jock, Alan Niemiec, Vinnie Russo, and Tim Church in 4:31.74.

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The Agawam High girls' swim team had control through the entire meet with Cathedral, winning it by a score of 110-68. Jessie Crowley was a double winner, swimming the 200-yard freestyle in 2:25.25 and the 100-yard butterfly in 1:09.48.

Erica Vanderhoof was also a double winner, coming within seconds of a 14-year record for the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:25.42 and winning the 100-yard freestyle in :58.78.

In the diving event, Rachel White won first, Tammy Leary took second, and Michelle Podsiadlo was third. Amy Hume took the 500-yard freestyle, and Brenda Borkosky the 100-yard breaststroke.

The 50-yard freestyle was won by Heather Pliska with a time of :27.67, and Sandy Angotti won second place in the 200-yard freestyle.

Tim Daggett National Gym Slated For January 25th

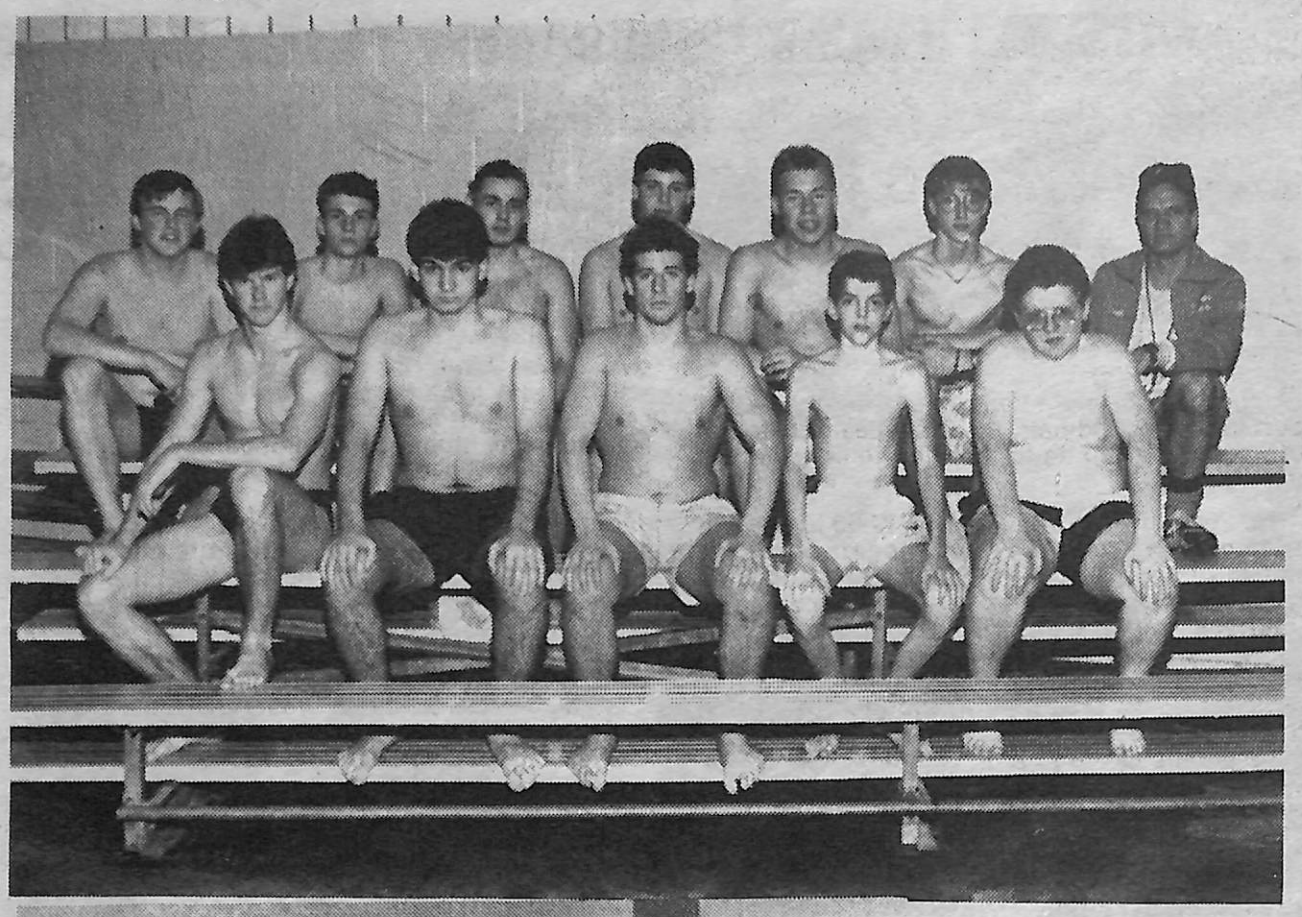
Two-hundred boys from over 20 gyms will be coming to Springfield on January 25th and 26th to compete in the third annual Tim Daggett National Invitational gymnastics tournament.

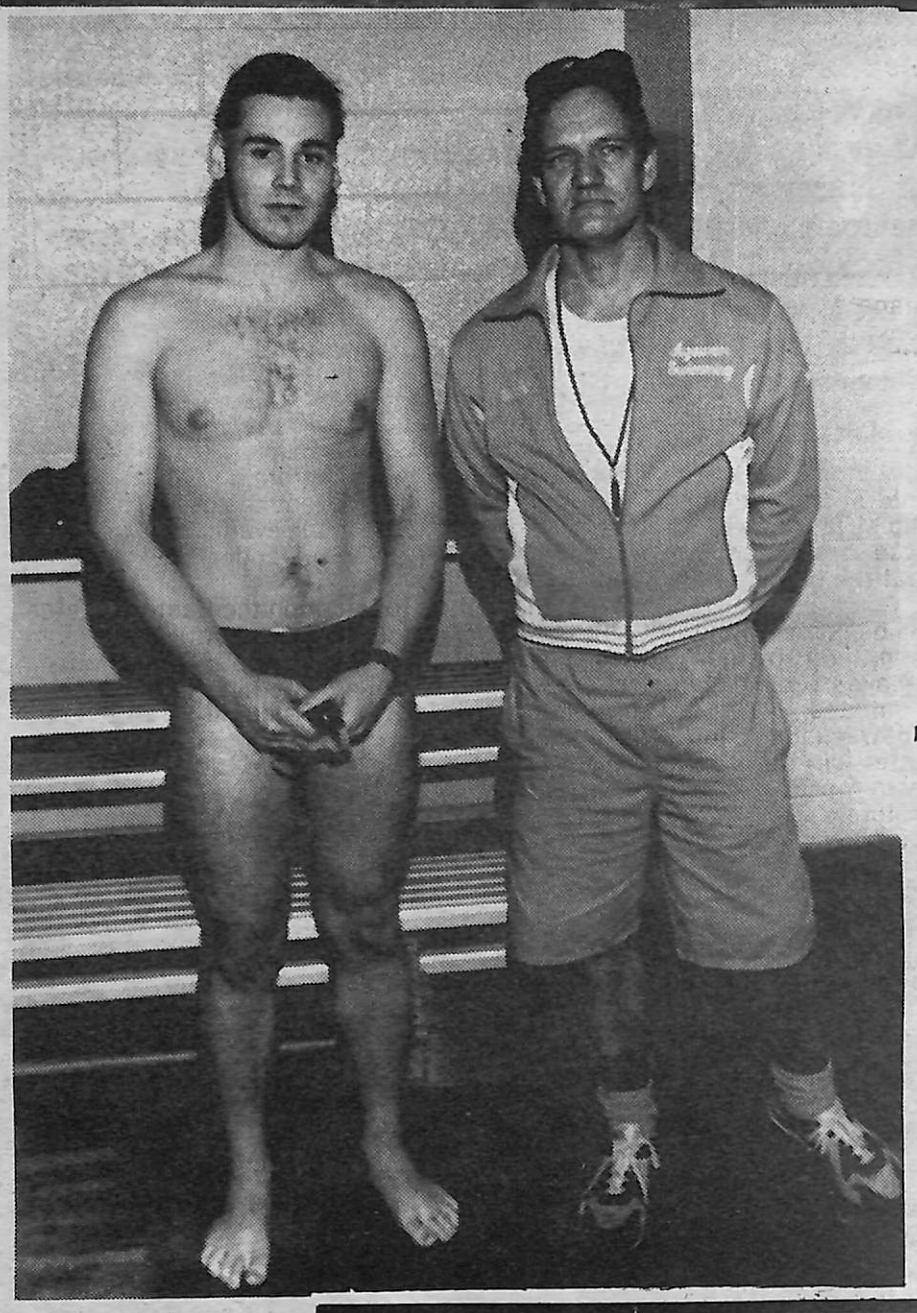
This increasingly successful event draws the top male gymnasts from the entire East Coast—many of which are nationally-ranked competitors destined to follow in the path of Tim Daggett, the 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist.

This public event features boys competing in classifications ranging from ages nine and under to 18. An opening ceremony will take place prior to the start of each round of competition.

On Saturday, January 25th, the tournament will run between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; on Sunday, January 26th, it will run between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The two-day event will take place at the Springfield College Arena, 263 Alden Street, Springfield.

For further information, call 786-4686.





MEMBERS OF THE 1991-'92 Agawam High boys' swim team. Back row, from left - Mike Fisher, Jay Surriera, Aaron Orsucci, John Champigny, Alan Niemiec, Jeremy Spring, and Coach Dave Smith. Front row Matt Toczko, Vincent Russo, Steve Lewis, Tim Church, and Dan Jackman. Missing: Matt Grych, Gary Jock, and Conrad Chmiel; IN PHOTO LEFT, Aaron Orsucci is this year's senior captain and is pictured with Coach Dave Smith. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

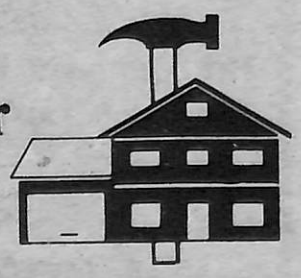
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AHS Cagers Continue To Struggle After Beating By Putnam

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Suffice it to say that the Agawam High School basketball players didn't have any fun on Friday night in Springfield.

Aside from an early tie (2-2) and a fun opening spurt in the second half, the Brownies did next to nothing right en route to their fourth consecutive loss.

The Putnam High Beavers won 77-55 in spite of themselves. The Beavers repeatedly shot themselves in the foot in the first half and then recovered five minutes into the second half to put a big-time hurt on the Brownies.

The Beavers went to the stripe 24 times in the first half and were only successful on five foul shots. Putnam missed many opportunities early, including missing their first eight free throws.

The parade to the foul line continued in the second half, causing Agawam High coach Mike Martin to spend much of the night in disbelief as three Brownies fouled out and three more were saddled with four midway in the second period.

Beavers Derek Stinson and Josh Pressley were out flying on the break much of the night, and they were the main men in the Putnam offense.

Agawam was led by 17 points by Brendon Gallagher. The big center got his third foul late in the first half and his fourth on the initial Putnam possession of the second half, and he had to sit for 10 minutes as the Beavers pulled away.

Pressley hit a three-point shot at the 12:48 mark of the first half, and that made the score 5-2 Putnam. Errant shooting by both squads denied them a chance to take an early advantage. Mike Briggs connected on a couple free throws with 7:25 to go, and the Brownies had pulled within three, 11-8.

Putnam went on a spree from there to push the advantage to 22-8, punctuated by consecutive trifectas by Stinson and Pressley at the end of the run.

Putnam could have run and hid at that point, but their inability to cash the freebies let Agawam hang around and perhaps get close in the second half. They trailed it by 11, 30-19, at the break.

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When Gallagher got an over the back foul in the first 15 seconds after intermission, the Brownies might have quit. Instead, they played their best hoop of the night for about five minutes.

Mike Briggs, the senior captain, was all net out of the left corner for a three-pointer that cut it to eight, and Joey Gaylor, playing his most inspirational game in about a year, motored along the baseline for a deuce. He was fouled and he converted and suddenly, the team had come back from the dead and trailed only 30-25.

Gaylor offset two Putnam putback hoops with two more baseline drives, and when Jason Blackburn got his offensive show in gear, the Brownies were trailing by just a point.

Trailing by five, Blackburn made consecutive moves into the paint and pulled up and scored off glass. It was 34-33. The crowd was waking up, and the Brownies were believing.

Putnam scored 18 of the game's next 22 points and this time they did it emphatically. Only Blackburn's left wing three and a free throw interrupted the Putnam flow.

The Beavers didn't do it with rim-rattling dunks like the fellahs across town, but they did do it with speed, hustle and some of the best scrappin' that we've seen in a long time. The result was a 52-37 lead.

A Dave Desimone rebound and basket would be the only time that the margin would slip below 15 again, and Putnam made overtures at ballooning it to 30 or more at times.

The road doesn't get easier for the Brownies as they wind down their independent schedule. They travel to Greenfield and then come home to host Amherst (presstime), which is expected to be one of Agawam's toughest tests this season.

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Lightning Start By Greenfield Hockey Sinks AHS In Wild 9-6 Shootout

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Hey, Mike LaZazzera, what happened up at Greenfield? In response to that question, Agawam High's third year hockey coach didn't take long to answer: "The first six shots against us went in, that's what happened."

So, the Agawam High hockey team's early-season roar got slowed down a bit in Greenfield last Thursday night as they dropped a 9-6 decision to the Green Wave.

"I do give our kids credit," LaZazzera continued. "They came back and cut it to just two goals before we ran out of gas a little bit."

Trailing 6-1 after one period, the Brownies stormed back on a pair of second-period goals by Jeff Perrault to slice it to 6-3 after two.

Kevin Fleury, Agawam's blue chip defenseman, scored first in the third period, and Agawam was down by just two before Greenfield took charge again.

Eric Mastrolanni and Sean Wandrei also popped home goals in the comeback attempt.

Agawam's top line of Ben Benton, Dave Zielinski and Perrault are really pleasing the coach in the early going. The trio are 1-2-3 in scoring for the Brownies, with the high flying Benton leading the way.

Zielinski was second on the team in scoring before Perrault overtook him in the Greenfield game.

The loss dropped the Brownies' season record to 4-2-2 as they rev their motors heading toward Berry Division play.

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The Brownies came back on Saturday afternoon to post a solid 5-2 win over Ludlow, with Jason Rocca in goal. ("He really played outstanding" - Laz.)

The Brownies came out a little flat in a lacklustre first period as the teams skated to a 1-1 tie, but in the second period Benton and Craig Waryasz lit the lamp, and the Brownies began to really skate and take control of the game.

Agawam now spends 10 days cooling their heels before a January 23rd date in Easthampton. That game precedes the Berry Division opener, which will be Super Bowl Saturday at 2:30 at the Olympia Ice Rink in West Springfield.

The opener should be a dandy, as Agawam faces off against the Terriers of West Springfield in what should be a most entertaining match between the two rival schools.

It also features the top two scorers in the league, as high flying Brian Fenton of West Side clashed with Benton. At presstime, Fenton leads the race with 31 points to Benton's 26.

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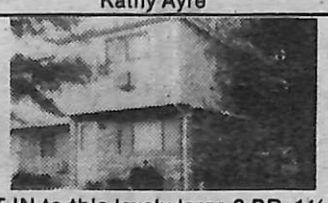
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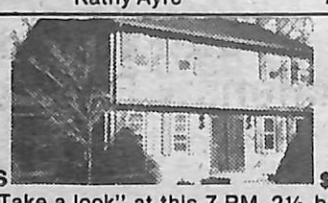
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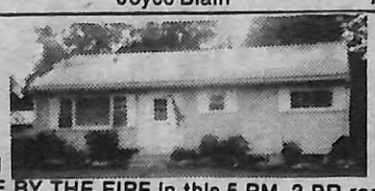
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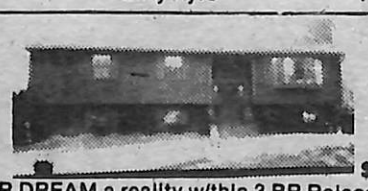
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Sports A La Carte...

Substitute QB Almost Brings Denver To Big Show

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Doesn't it seem like all the guys that come in as back-up quarterbacks in the NFL look like Hall of Famers? There are very few first stringers that could have accomplished what GARY KUBIAK did for the Broncos on Sunday in the AFC Championship game.

He was outstanding in perhaps his last hurrah. Remember, CODY CARLSON did that for the Oilers last year, too, and then, there's the always-dangerous FRANK REICH of Buffalo.

Few will forget that JEFF HOSTETLER came in and brought the Giants to the Super Bowl last year. ERIK KRAMER of the Lions was a back-up before they put on their big spurt, and of course, there's a fellow named STEVE BONO that came in and made that sterling contribution in San Francisco.

Cowboy fans probably want to add STEVE BEUERLEIN to the list, and it goes on and on...

ROLLIE MASSIMINO is doing it again at 'Nova. He never seems to have a bushel of talent, but as soon as that Big East bell rings, they get up and play everybody tough.

He's 4-0 in the league already, including road wins at Seton Hall and Georgetown...

I hope MARIO LEMIEUX gets better. That would be a lot of talent wasted if he's all done. That back seems to have been bothering him for about three or four years now.

Reminds me of another superstar out Boston way...

I've seen some slick marketing campaigns before, but I think we ought to all get together and go down to a company called "Nordic Sport" and beat up on their advertising department.

They're promoting their new rowing machine with this slogan: "You hardly realize the water is missing!" Can you believe that? Anybody that's ever pulled on one of those at 6:30 a.m. would beg to differ...

SPORT Magazine has a story this month stating that LIONEL "The L Train" SIMMONS missed a couple of games with his Sacramento Kings last season because of an ailment medically diagnosed as Nintendo-itis. Maybe Lionel ought to stick to Toy Trains...

Haven't heard much whining (none actually) from NHL fans about problems with their new Replay Rule. Must be working for the pucksters...

Hey, did you notice that the Hartford Whalers played their 1,000th game in the NHL last Saturday night? They lost the game to the Montreal Canadiens (as is their custom), but you gotta give the Insurance City credit; I didn't think that they would last that long...

I say 258-141 this week and most people know what I'm talking about. But, for those of you who don't, Troy State's basketball team beat DeVry Institute by that very score in a REAL college hoop clash earlier this week.

DeVry is an Atlanta computer school, and I wonder if they had a computer that could tally that fast. Troy State scored more than six points a minute in the game...

Those Redskins look like the entire package, don't they? Still, a friend of mine tells me that Buffalo will beat them. Why does he think that?

"Because Washington likes to run right, and that means that you-know-who will be right there waiting for them." You-know-who is CORNELIUS BENNETT, who played a fabulous game against the Broncos on Sunday afternoon...

Did you know that the World Record in the One Mile Run is down to 3 minutes, 46.32 seconds? Where have I been since ROGER BANNISTER?...

I don't know how he did it, but JOHN MCLEOD got his Notre Dame Fighting Irish a win over the Tarheels of North Carolina last weekend in New York.

It had to be sweet after their abysmal start this year, especially in the wake of Carolina's 35-point blowout win against the Irish last year...

MONICA and MICHAEL are this year's selections for Athlete of the Year by the AP. First names are all you need for those two exceptional performers...

I saw a big ad in the *USA Today* the other day that mentioned that they had a big America's Cup section planned for the following day's edition. The Cup could happen and be over before I would even know about it, and I'd go merrily about my business.

Sorry, but I'm a meat and potatoes kind of guy...

For you hackers out there, the NBA officials whistled the world's best basketball players for 1,735 technical fouls last season.

That's a lot of dirty words and angry intent, wouldn't you say? It's also more than 200 fewer T's than were called in the previous season...

Is there too much fighting in hockey? CONN SMYTHE had this observation: ***"We're going to have to do something about all this violence, or people are going to keep on buying tickets."***...

Agawam Athletic Association Piranhas Swim Results

The Agawam AA Piranhas competitive swim team participated in an away meet against the West Springfield team at West Springfield High School. The results included:

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100 freestyle relay, the team of William Bond, Ryan Sullivan, Michael Thomas, and Wesley Scott finished first.

Michael Bonesteel, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Wesley Scott, first, Michael Thomas, second, and William Bond, third in 25-yard butterfly.

Michael Bonesteel, first, and William Bond, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Michael Thomas, second in 25-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

In the 100-yard medley relay, the team of Brittany Taylor, Amanda Fox, Christina Climo, and Rachel Morris placed first.

Amanda Fox, second in 100-yard individual medley.

The team of Laurie Chmielewski, Kaitlin Morris, Brittany Taylor, and Rachel Morris placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Laurie Chmielewski, second in 25-yard freestyle.

Christina Climo, first in 25-yard butterfly.

Amanda Fox, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Laurie Chmielewski, first, and Kaitlin Morris, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Laura Bucalo, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

Eric Pedersen, first in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Jeff Robinson, Wayne Bonesteel, Eric Pedersen, and Michael Grant finished second.

Michael Grant, first in 50-yard butterfly and first in 100-yard freestyle.

Eric Pedersen, first, and Wayne Bonesteel, third in 50-yard backstroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Sarah Nacewicz, Caitlin Weisgerber, Shannon Costa, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; the team of Jessica Jensen, Shaunessy Egan, Katie Kilrain, and Allison Pisano placed third.

Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Jessica Jensen, third in 100-yard individual medley.

In the 100 freestyle relay, the team of Dawn Bucalo, Shannon Costa, Shanna Raymond, and Caitin Weisgerber placed second; the team of Sarah Bates, Raquel Rodriquez, Allison Pisano, and Kirsten Schuster placed third.

Kirsten Schuster, second, and Allison Pisano, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first, and Shaunessy Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Dawn Bucalo, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Sarah Nacewicz, first, Sarah Bates, second, and Raquel Rodriquez, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, second, and Jennifer Reid, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 11-12:

Hugh Allen, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Asa Allen, second in 100-yard freestyle and second in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 11-12:

Elleen Daly, first, and Danielle DeForge, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Kelli Kunkel, first, and Darcy Bates, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Eileen Daly, first in 50-yard butterfly.

Kelli Kunkel, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Gina Cellili, second in 50-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

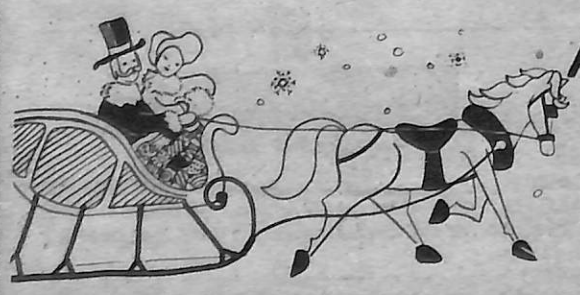
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Sportsmen's Corner



— By Bill Chiba —

Here Comes The Boat Show

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The latest in offshore and inshore cruisers will be offered, along with fishing machines, muscle boats, ski rigs, pontoon boats, inflatables, canoes, cartoppers, runabouts and bass boats, all at competitive prices and one-stop shopping.

Many of the marinas involved said they will have "show specials," boats priced at a low point that will not be available later in the boating season.

One marina spokesman said, "There is no doubt that 1992 BOATING USA will be a case of boatsellers competing and showgoers enjoying the low prices."

Show hours are Thursday (January 23rd) from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

OSEG, the show promoter, also produces the Springfield Sportsmen's, the northeast's largest pure fishing and hunting show; the Boston Sportsmen's Show; the Syracuse Show at Onondaga War Memorial; the Tri-City Fishing and Hunting Show (Albany, Schenectady, and Troy, New York).

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FIRE demolished one brooder house and damaged another at the Ayer Pheasant Farm on New Year's Eve.

In investigating the origins of the fire, state fire marshals located a number of incendiary devices, leaving no doubt that the cause of the fire was arson.

Quick efforts by the firefighters herded the 300-plus pheasants away from the flames. No birds were lost in the disaster. Stocking of the same number of birds in the past will be accomplished this fall.

THREE NEW RECORDS

Massachusetts deer hunters set three new records during the 1991 hunting seasons, according to preliminary figures compiled by Dan McGuiness of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Bowhunters took 1,393 deer, surpassing the record 1,061 set in 1990.

Shotgun hunters, who recorded a season high of 5,334 last year, exceeded that record by killing 6,977 in 1991—an increase of 1,643 whitetails. This figure does not include the 576 deer harvested as part of the controlled hunt conducted at Quabbin Reservation.

The totals by Wildlife Management District are as follows: Western District, 2,076; Connecticut Valley District, 2,114; Central District, 1,375; Northeast District, 427; and Southeast District, 985. These are preliminary totals.

The third record to fall was one set in 1989 by primitive firearms hunters who killed 808 deer. This year, muzzleloaders harvested a record of 871 deer, an increase of 63 over the 1989 figure.

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I got a chuckle at a remark made by a writer in the *Springfield Daily News* concerning the Quabbin hunt.

After a couple of paragraphs of emotional material about the hunt and how awful it was to kill the deer, he ended his column with "the sportsmen should put their money where their mouths are"; they should use their money more wisely and aid the homeless and starving children in this country.

If it wasn't for the sportsmen instituting a tax upon themselves in 1939 under the bill sponsored by Mr. Pittman and Mr. Robertson, there would be very few dollars spent for game management in the USA.

From 1939 to 1984 (figures from the Fish and Wildlife Department), $1,350,385,843.28 (over one and a third billion dollars) have been sent to the states for game management and related functions such as Survey and Investigations, Land Acquisition, Development, Coordination, Hunter Education, Planning, technical guidance.

Yearly figures of money turned over to the Departments in the states are available and publicized every year. The writer must live in a cube!!

I would say that the sportsmen in the country have put their money where there mouth is. According to figures that I have seen, the Animal Rights people and their related organizations spend their money on $100,000 and better salaries to the people at the top and to attorneys to file suits that are built on emotion instead of facts.

"God Bless the Sportsmen of America."

St. Mary's On Roll In Parish Bowling

Following a lively week seven of rolling in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, our leaders continue to be St. Mary (22½ wins), while St. Anselm (17 wins) has crawled into second place.

In the opening match of the night at the Agawam Bowl, Georgetown (4th place-14½ wins) moved way up the ladder after sweeping faltering Notre Dame (9th place-10 wins), four wins to none.

The big news for G-Town was the huge 343 launched by captain DEBBIE POIRIER. Debbie must have been inspired as she faced league scoring leader STEVE MOCCIO (322-107.34). Moccio was stunned by the ferocious pace maintained by the G-Town captain throughout the match.

Debbie has now opened a lead in her personal duel vs. SHIRLEY SARACINO for the league's top gun on the women's side, 103.17 to 101.22, respectively.

Also winning for G-Town were "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (268), and JOHN MLINEK, with a close 296-295 win over FRANK CERPOVICZ. Mlinek and "Steady" Eddie are third and fourth, respectively, in the Men's Class A standings (94.31 and 91.40). The only ND winner was leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (259-254 over sub MISSY BARR).

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In the feature match of the night, first place St. Mary and second place St. Anselm split their match, two wins each.

The only winner for St. Mary's in this close match was CHRIS BUKOWSKI (267-261 over DON STITT). St. A's winners included leadoff TERRY CERPOVICZ (250), TONY "I'm Not A Captain" KOZAK (281-277 over Men's Class B leader BOB COELLN-91.30; "I'm Not A Captain" is fifth in Men's Class AA at 94.40), and captain DENNIS KAWA, who played a 317-289 tune on St. Mary's captain JIM "Mac" MCNAMEE. Kawa, who has led the league in rolling until very recently, has an average of 106.48 in trailing Steve Moccio.

Third place St. Michael (14½ wins) split with fifth place Fordham (14 wins), two wins each.

The lone St. Michael's winner was RENEE JURY (285-second in Women's Class AA at 93.32). Top rollers for Fordham included leadoff ESTHER DEPALO, who had in her best night of the year at 299, JANICE MOCCIO (289-89.29 average, second in Women's Class A rolling), and substitute captain LOU MASSOIA (292). Lou knocked off St. Mike's captain FRED MORASSI (282). Morassi is still leading the Men's Class A in rolling at 97.33. Massoia sports a 103.5 average in a sub role this season.

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In another tough match, eighth place Catholic University (12 wins) lost to sixth place St. Louis 13½ wins), 1½ wins to 2½ wins).

St. Lou winners were Women's Class AA leader JEAN BUONICONTI (270-94.28) and captain JIM HOAGUE (313), who scored a big win over his Men's Class AA rival, RICH SNYDER, the CU captain (285). Snyder sports an average of 103.20 while Hoague has moved to 99.19. Winning for CU were KIM VIENS (207) and JIM SNYDER (292 - second in Men's Class AAA rolling at 101.23).

In the final match of the night, seventh place Boston College (13 wins) squared off against last place Holy Cross (9 wins). The BC winner was BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE (284). And last place HC was led by DOUG HART (260), VI MASSOIA (294), and captain LARRY VIENS (290).

The most shocking news of this matchup was that BC captain SHIRLEY SARACINO was firing blanks all night. She only knocked down 258 pins in three strings, far below her average. Shirley said she was cursed. Shirley's average fell to 101.22, putting her in second place in her race vs. Debbie Poirier.

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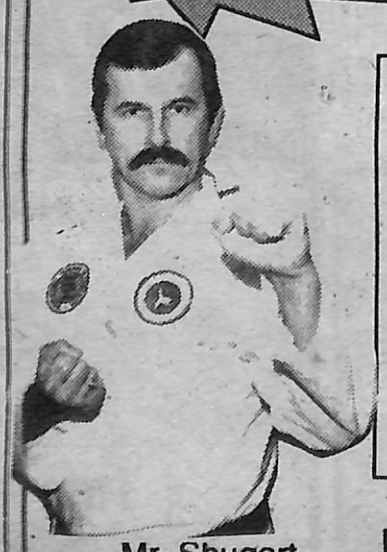
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In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelli Kunkel, Danielle DeForge, Eileen Daly, and Darcy Bates placed second.

BOYS 13-14:

Michael Robinson, second, and Chad Abdow, third in 200-yard freestyle.

Michael Robinson, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Tim Davis, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Tim Davis, first, Chad Abdow, second, and Scott Guyer, third in 100-yard backstroke.

Jonathan David, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Chad Abdow, Scott Guyer, Jonathan David, and Michael Robinson placed first.

GIRLS 13-14:

Amy Hume, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, first, and Amy Hume, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Rachel Niemiec, first in 100-yard freestyle.

BOYS 15-18:

James Cavanaugh, first in 100-yard freestyle, 100-yard backstroke, and 50-yard freestyle.

GIRLS 15-18:

Nancy Bazanchuk, first in 200-yard individual medley, 50-yard freestyle, and 100-yard backstroke.

Ag. Thunder Soccer Undefeated In PVJSL

Agawam Thunder, the Agawam girls' under-nine team playing in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League, completed the Fall season with an undefeated record, 8-0-0.

In the playoffs, the girls defeated the team from Wilbraham 2-0 in the semifinal, and Chicopee 5-2 in the finals.

Behind a defense anchored by Jennifer Dobise in goal, sweepers Judy Trevethan and Keegan Clark, and halfbacks Courtney Adamczyk, Raquel Rodriguez, Lisa Bienia, Allison Callahan, Courtney Megatulski, and Ashley Roberts, opponents scored only three goals during the regular season.

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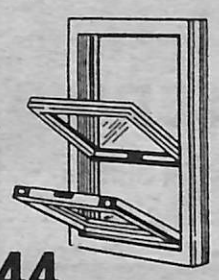
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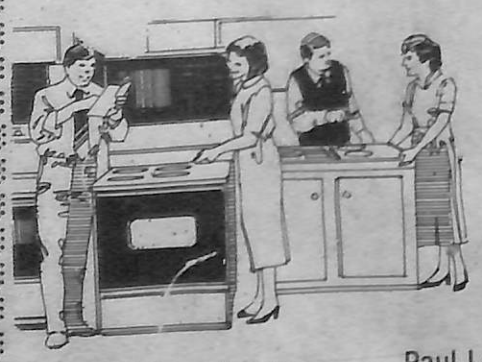
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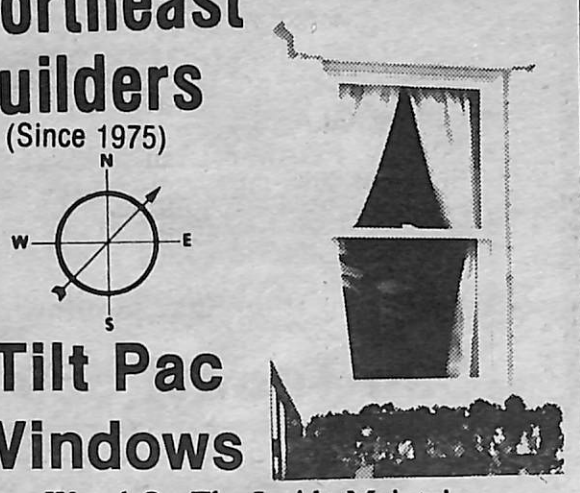
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